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Bomb search keeps London area closed

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Agencies) — Police kept part of London's main shopping street sealed off Tuesday to search for a bomb believed planted by Irish guerrillas in a renewed terror campaign in mainland Britain.

One bomb went off Monday in a hamburger restaurant in Oxford Street, killing a civilian explosives expert and a second was defused in a department store. The Irish Republican Army (IRA), which admitted responsibility, said in a warning telephoned to Reuters that three bombs were planted. The third said to have been left in another department store, has not been found.

In Wales, security was tightened when Prince Charles and his wife began a tour a day after a bomb was found and defused in a town on their itinerary. Authorities blamed Welsh nationalist extremists but also feared an IRA attack. Rooftop marksmen scanned crowds who turned out to see the heir to the British throne and the Princess of Wales at Shotton in north Wales.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said a Welsh nationalist organization had warned in a letter that the prince should beware during a visit to Caernarvon Tuesday. Irish Republican sources in Belfast said the bomb attack on Oxford Street was part of a new economic war against Britain. It was the third in London in 16 days but the first against a non-military target.

The Daily Mail newspaper said school children, on holiday and thronging Oxford Street to do Christmas shopping, had been the main target. The IRA, fighting to drive the British out of Northern Ireland, said in a statement: "Let the British people take note that Irish children, the victims of plastic bullets fired by their soldiers, do not have the luxury of receiving warnings."

British security officials believe an IRA bomb team is behind the three bomb attacks this month. They think it was sent to avenge 10 Irish Republican prisoners who starved themselves to death on hunger strike for special privileges in Northern Ireland earlier this year.

According to the reports, the IRA commando group arrived in London late in September. The IRA has claimed two other recent attacks in London. The first Oct. 10, killed one person and wounded 40 when a booby-trapped van exploded in front of an army barracks. In the second, a week later, Royal Marines Commander Gen. Sir Stewart Pringle lost his leg when his car blew up. Some security officials have expressed concern that the bombing campaign would last until the Christmas holidays.

Meanwhile, Oxford Street department stores, concerned lest the bombings deter potential Christmas shoppers, have undertaken reviews of their security systems. And hundreds of salesmen and office workers who work in the closed section of Oxford Street were piling into pubs and restaurants, waiting for authorization to go to work. But one officer manning the police lines said: "I think it will be a holiday in Oxford Street today."

In the meantime, Scotland Yard explosives experts blew up two suspicious packages in Oxford Street early Tuesday. Scotland Yard chiefs appealed to the public for vigilance.



DRAGGED: A man is dragged from sea at Hillsboro Beach, Florida. He is one among the 31 persons who were drowned as a wooden sailboat carrying 67 Haitian refugees broke up less than half a mile from the shore early Monday. The helicopter in the background is generating waves by its propeller to help push another toward the shore.

Margin narrowing AWACS battle to end today

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 — With the Senate vote on the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia taking place tonight, during the final lobbying efforts, the odds for success or failure were changing as frequently as they would for a close sporting event. President Ronald Reagan was conducting an intensive last minute lobbying effort, zeroing in on a handful of influential opponents of the sale.

Reagan's efforts paid off late Tuesday when Senator Daniel Boren, Democrat-Oklahoma and Senator Walter D. Huddleston, Democrat-Kentucky indicated they would vote for the sale. This support brought the final tally to show 53 senators against the sale, plus two others leaning against it; 41 favoring the deal, or leaning that way; and four uncommitted.

Tuesday morning Republican Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, who has not said how he will vote, also indicated he will go with the president.

"I want to vote with the president, I think it's a test of leadership, Dole said in an interview on ABC's Good Morning America. I still haven't made up my mind, but I think I'm going to vote for the sale," he said. Dole noted that the planes would not be delivered for four years, giving the president "plenty of time to pull the plug if something goes away in the Middle East."

He also said the arms sale "has gotten to the level of presidential leadership...I think it means a great deal with the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, with the trouble in Iran, the trouble in Lebanon, for the world to know we support our president's foreign policy."

White House spokesman David Gergen refused to identify any of the senators called in for private meetings with Reagan Monday.

For lower inflation rate U.S. to revise consumer index

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP) — The U.S. government announced Tuesday it will change its most closely-watched inflation measure — the consumer price index — to remove the volatile effects of house prices and mortgage rates.

The result is expected to be a lower inflation rate and smaller cost-of-living raises for millions of Americans. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, an independent branch of the Labor Department, said that starting January 1983, it will revise its basic index to treat housing costs as if the owner were renting the dwelling.

The change in the cost will directly affect an estimated 90 million Americans, whose incomes, are tied to rises in the index. About 9 million union members are covered by labor contracts that provide cost-of-living wage increases based on the index and another 81 million people receive social security, government pensions, food stamps and other federal benefits that increase based on rises in the index.

If the change had taken effect in 1980, according to government figures, inflation as measured by the index would have been 10.8 percent. Instead it was 12.4 percent.

Growing ranks of economists and policymakers — Democrats and Republicans alike — have been pressing for a change in the housing cost measurement, which they blame for overstating to take into account that a house is an asset that provides an owner with an investment gain as it increases in value.

Other critics complain that the index places too much weight on changes in mortgage interest rates, which overstate inflation when they rise and understate it when they are falling. Currently, 20 percent of the entire consumer price index is determined by changes in house prices and mortgage rates alone.

Second try today Veto blocks Waldheim, Salim

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27 (AP) — Both Kurt Waldheim and Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim of Tanzania drew vetoes Tuesday as the U.N. Security Council failed to agree on its choice for secretary-general in the first four secret ballots. It will again meet Wednesday.

Council sources said that, while blocked by a veto cast by China, Waldheim was getting more votes in his bid for an unprecedented third term. A single veto also was cast against Salim, who had been rejected by the United States.

According to word leaked from the closed-door session, Waldheim received enough votes to win on all four ballots, except for the veto. Barring a veto, nine votes are sufficient for the Security Council's recommendation. Salim was said to have received 11 votes on the first ballot but then to have slipped to six on the fourth ballot.

During the four-hour meeting, support among the 15 Security Council members for Salim, 39, dwindled steadily. Votes in favor of his candidacy dropped from 11 to 10, then to eight and six in four successive ballots, with one consistently against.

Waldheim, 62, was elected in 1971 as the fourth secretary general and was re-elected in 1976. Only one of his predecessors, U Thant of Burma, completed two terms. After refusing for months to state his intentions, and despite Salim's heavily-supported candidacy, Waldheim declared Sept. 10 that he was available for another five-year term.

Salim, 39, is the official candidate of the Organization of African Unity and has the endorsements of the League of Arab States and the nonaligned movement, comprising about two-thirds of the U.N. membership.

In 1976, before Waldheim won reelection, he was vetoed once by China. Known as the boy wonder of international diplomacy — he was a 22-year-old ambassador to Egypt — Salim was elected president of the General Assembly in 1979, the second youngest person in the post. Last November, he was named foreign minister. He will be 40 years old in January. Waldheim won the U.N.'s top post largely through determined Soviet support.

His 10 years as secretary general have been marked by a steady erosion of U.N. influence in world affairs, no personal diplomatic triumphs and declining morale among his staff. But he has succeeded in gaining the confidence of all the great powers, none of which has been distressed by any action he took or failed to take.

With the job goes a salary considered modest considering the responsibilities: about \$91,000 a year net. But the prerequisites are immense. They include an official residence with river view on Manhattan's fashionable Sutton Place, a large staff on constant call, a large limousine in New York and others at the Geneva and Vienna sub-headquarters of the U.N., all complete with chauffeurs, and perhaps the nicest perk of all — a protocol rank which places the secretary general among heads of state and government.

Saleh meets Brezhnev

MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev and the president of North Yemen, Ali Abdullah Saleh, met Tuesday at the Kremlin and called for "a further strengthening and broadening" of relations between the two countries, Tass reported.

The official Soviet news agency account made no reference to reports from diplomatic sources on the Middle East that Saleh was seeking more arms and economic aid from the Soviet Union. Tass said only that the two leaders revealed Soviet-North Yemen relations "in the political, economic, cultural and other fields" and that both sides expressed satisfaction with their development.

Saleh arrived in Moscow Monday night on an official visit. Last week, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Brezhnev and received official Soviet diplomatic recognition for the PLO office in Moscow.

Tass quoted Brezhnev and Saleh as saying that an international conference of "all interested parties," including the PLO, would be a "real road" to an all-embracing settlement of Middle East conflicts. The Soviet Union has long called for such a conference.

There was no direct reference in the Tass report to Saudi Arabia's latest plan for a Middle East settlement, to be discussed at an Arab summit in Morocco next month.

In an apparent reference to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, Tass said "The sides resolutely condemned the policy of separate deals as contradicting the vital interests of the Arab states and peoples."

Economic recovery Reagan aide sees plan failing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (R) — Budget Director David Stockman conceded Monday night that President Reagan's economic program was in danger of falling apart and that his goal of balancing the federal budget by 1984 was seriously behind schedule.

In the gloomiest administration economic pronouncement to date, Stockman said the federal spending deficit could range from \$220 billion to \$320 billion over the next three years.

"Without decisive remedial action in the next six months, the truth is likely to be in the higher rather than the lower end of this range," stockman told the National Press Club.

He blamed part of the extra spending on the failure of Congress to approve all the budget cuts recommended by the president.

But he acknowledged that the administration had been too optimistic in its forecast of interest rates and government income from tax revenues.

"The upshot is that the basic components of the (Reagan economic) program are in danger of coming out of balance and out of sync," Stockman said.

He said the tight monetary policies of the U.S. Central Bank were bringing inflation down sooner and more successfully than expected and thus should not be changed.

He also argued that the large tax cuts for businesses and individuals already approved by Congress were appropriate and should not be changed.

What should be debated, Stockman said, was the right combination of tax increases and social program cuts to help close the deficit gap.

Last month the administration asked Congress to find \$13 billion in new spending cuts for 1982 on top of the \$35 billion in cuts approved in August.

The administration also asked for three billion dollars in tax increases, but has not yet specified how the revenue should be raised.

Stockman said the revenue increases would be relatively minor and that the bulk of the deficit trimming should be accomplished by further spending reductions.

"I don't believe the well has run dry," Stockman said. Adding that there was still room for cuts in social welfare programs.

Congressman James Jones, who appeared with Stockman, said defense spending could not be exempted from further budget cuts.

Jones, Democrat chairman of the House of Representatives budget committee, said the Reagan administration should ask U.S. allies to carry a greater share of the NATO defense burden and should seek an effective arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union to help keep defense costs down.

Kekkonen resigns

HELSINKI, Oct. 27 (Agencies) — President Urho Kekkonen, whose policies of cooperation with the Soviet Union and the West introduced the term "Finlandization" to the world, resigned Tuesday because of illness, government sources said.

The sources said Justice Minister Cristoffer Taxell recommended at a special cabinet meeting that the resignation be accepted, and it was. Kekkonen, 81, who has led his country since 1956, began a one-month leave of absence Sept. 11. It was extended last month until Nov. 10 when he showed no improvement.

Under the constitution, he would have had to resign by Oct. 27 to make way for elections in January. Two-day elections to select an electoral college are expected Jan. 17-18, with Prime Minister Mauno Koivisto, 58, serving as interim president. The college will meet Jan. 26 for official presidential election.

Koivisto is expected by most Finns to be the next president. The prime minister's career has ranged through banking and administration interspersed with periods of government office. He has been on leave from his post of governor of the Central Bank since being asked to form a coalition government in 1979.

Dr. Koivisto was prime minister once before in 1968-70. He was also finance minister in 1966-67 and again in 1972. Through much of the 1970's he worked outside government in managerial and administrative positions with major co-operative organizations, which are very important in Finland's business life, as well as at the Central Bank.

A recent public opinion poll showed that most Finns believe Koivisto will be the next president. Other political parties have rejected the idea and two centrist politicians have announced their availability as presidential candidates in recent days.

Political opponents have complained that Koivisto's popularity is largely due to his good looks. An athletic 58-year-old, he plays volleyball for relaxation. He is married with one daughter and speaks three foreign languages, Swedish, English and Russian.

Despite the opinion poll, Koivisto will have some difficult obstacles to overcome before winning the presidential race.

Occupied areas given new names

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (AFP) — The Israeli state media will no longer use the terms "West Bank" or "occupied territories" when referring to the land occupied by Israel in the 1967 war. Instead, they will use the terms "Judea," "Samaria" or "Gaza."

A directive from the broadcasting office banned journalists on radio and television from using the terms owing to their political implications. The decision was taken unanimously in the board's executive committee.

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Soviet ties plea unlisted by GCC

DOHA, Oct. 27 (R) — The Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Abdullah Bishara was quoted Tuesday by a Qatari newspaper as saying Kuwait's recent call for other Gulf states to establish relations with the Soviet Union would not be discussed at the GCC summit in Riyadh next month.

He told the daily Al-Raya that the call, made by the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, last month following an East European tour, was not on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for Nov. 10.

Sheikh Jaber said he will do all he can to persuade Kuwait's five partners in the GCC to set up diplomatic ties with Moscow.

The council includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

Bishara, who was in Qatar Monday during a Gulf tour, was also reported as saying the GCC summit would discuss the recent Saudi Arabian Middle East peace plan.

He said Gulf leaders were fully aware that security and stability in this strategic region would not be assured without a just and comprehensive solution of the Middle East crisis and the Palestinian problem.

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Errant doctor's license suspended

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazzeri has suspended the license to practise for Dr. Syed Qaisar Zaman of Bangladesh, *Al-Jazirah* reported Tuesday. Zaman, who worked at Al-Nassim private clinic, has been banned from further practice for his refusal to give first-aid to a child who was hit by a car. His refusal led to complications and eventual death of the child.

The case has been referred to the health ministry's legal committee, to decide on the action to be taken when the victim's father files a claim on the physician.

Meanwhile, the health minister has stressed to all private clinics and hospitals the need to give first-aid and to carry the victim to the hospital in an ambulance. The ministerial orders were issued following an inquiry conducted by a special panel, in response to a report on the incident which *Al-Jazirah* had published earlier.

In other news, on behalf of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of staff, opened in Riyadh Tuesday an international medical conference on "family medicine and first aid." The conference, organized by the Armed Forces Medical Services is attended by health ministry representatives from Kuwait and Bahrain, in addition to medical experts from the United States.

Australia, Britain, New Zealand and local doctors.

The conference, held at the Armed Forces hospital in Riyadh, was addressed by Maj. Gen. Rida Khalifah, director general of the Armed Forces Medical Services, who welcomed the participants. He emphasized the importance of first aid medicine and said that it had become a field of specialization in itself.

The Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan (1980-85) envisages an expansion of first aid services to most parts of the Kingdom.

Yamani honors American team

RIYADH, Oct. 27 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani gave a dinner party in honor of the visiting American group of journalists, media and businessmen Tuesday evening.

The group arrived here earlier in the day from Kuwait as part of their fact-finding tour of several Arab countries in the Gulf and other parts of the Middle East. They were welcomed by Dr. Abdul Azziz Al-Suqaili, assistant deputy minister for foreign information at the ministry, and other officials.

The ministry has prepared a program of visits and briefings for the group so that they may take a close look at the current development plans of the Kingdom. They will also meet with officials and specialists of the government.

Bourguiba, Naif hold talks

TUNIS, Oct. 27 (SPA) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba Tuesday received Interior Minister Prince Naif, who is visiting the country to attend meetings of the Arab League ministerial councils to discuss amending the league's charter. Prince Naif is the current chairman of the Arab Interior Ministers' Councils.

The meeting was attended by Tunisian Interior Minister Idris Qidah and Foreign Affairs Minister Baji Qaed Al-Sisi. Members of the delegation accompanying Prince Naif and the Kingdom's ambassador to Tunisia, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Omran, also were present.

After the meeting, President Bourguiba gave a luncheon in honor of the Saudi Arabian delegation.

Prince Naif, addressing the opening session Monday, expressed deep gratitude and

appreciation to the ministerial councils' members. He said they had achieved the league's goals in serving the Arab nation despite the hardships they encountered.

He stressed the importance of developing the Arab league since "it is the only organization capable of shouldering the huge responsibilities of the Arab world."

The prince submitted a proposal calling for the independent operation of each council, and not linking them to one another. The proposal stated that each council should execute and fulfill all the resolutions. He also suggested that the Arab League Secretariat General should take the responsibility for coordinating the councils' activities to avoid duplication. The task could be carried out by a special body to be formed within the framework of the secretariat general, he said.

Rain-seeking prayer

RIYADH, Oct. 27 (SPA) — A rain-seeking prayer will be held Monday this week as ordered by King Khaled. This prayer is held during times of drought.



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FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, Oct. 27 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates minister of State for foreign affairs, Rashid Abdullah Tuesday met with visiting secretary general of the Arab Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), Abdullah Bishara, who arrived here Monday night as part of a tour of the six member-states of the Council.

Bishara told reporters after the meeting that he discussed with the Minister the issues that are to be discussed at the second Arab Gulf summit conference due to be held in Riyadh Nov. 10.

He said foreign ministers of the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman will meet Nov. 8 and 9 to prepare the agenda for the conference, which he said would center on the political and economic issues of interest to the Council.

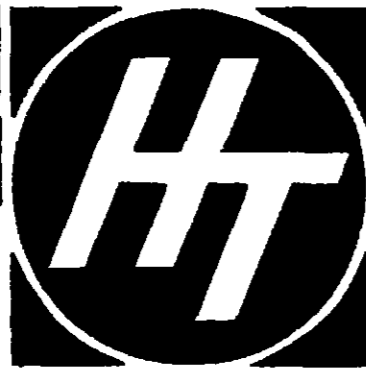
Bishara expressed the hope that the summit conference would succeed in signing the

unified economic agreement which he said would achieve Arab Gulf economic integration.

ABU DHABI, Oct. 27 (WAM) — The UAE Federal Cabinet has approved a bill of the first marine law in the country that would eventually lead to the establishment of a national commercial fleet to organize and develop internal and external trade.

The draft law, presented by the Ministry of Communications, also deals with the movement of national and foreign ships in the country's territorial waters, their relations with the ports, concessions, registration and confiscation of violating ships.

At its weekly session Monday, presided over by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammad, the deputy premier, the cabinet agreed that the UAE joins the Jeddah-based Islamic Federation for Ship Owners approved by the third Islamic summit meeting recently.



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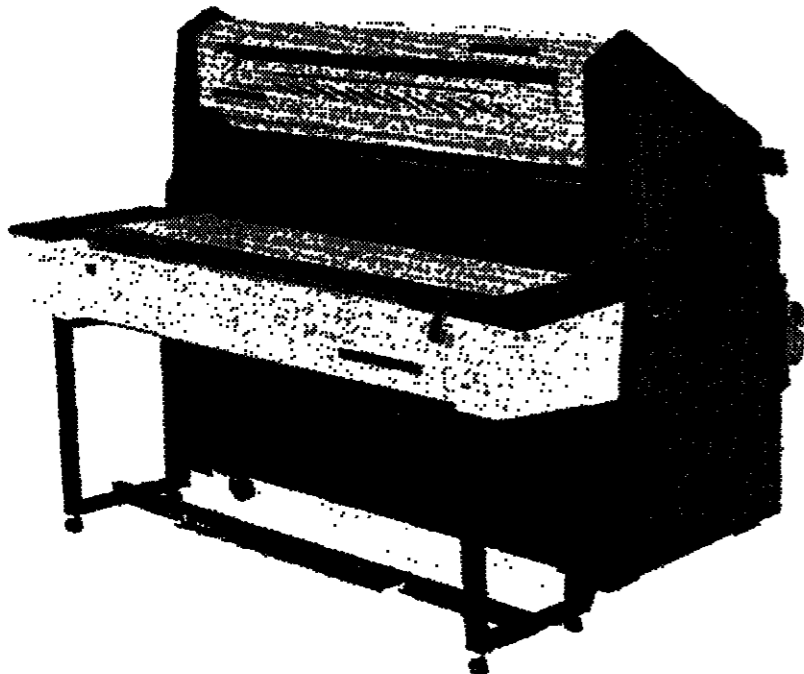
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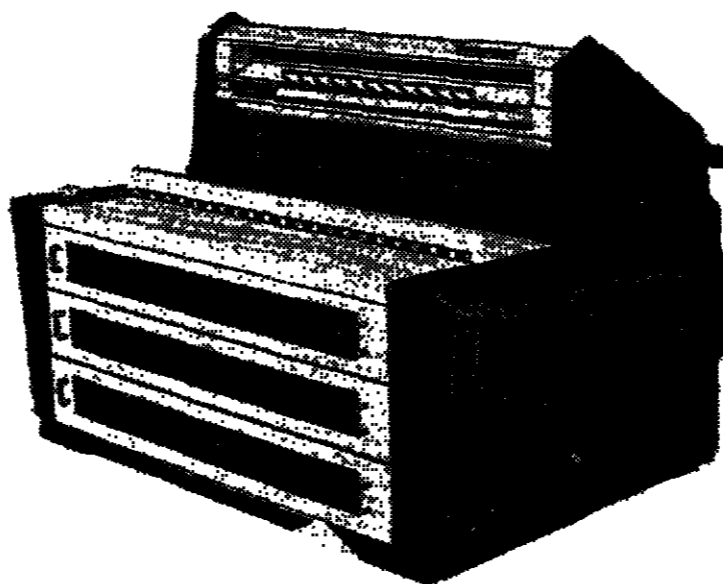
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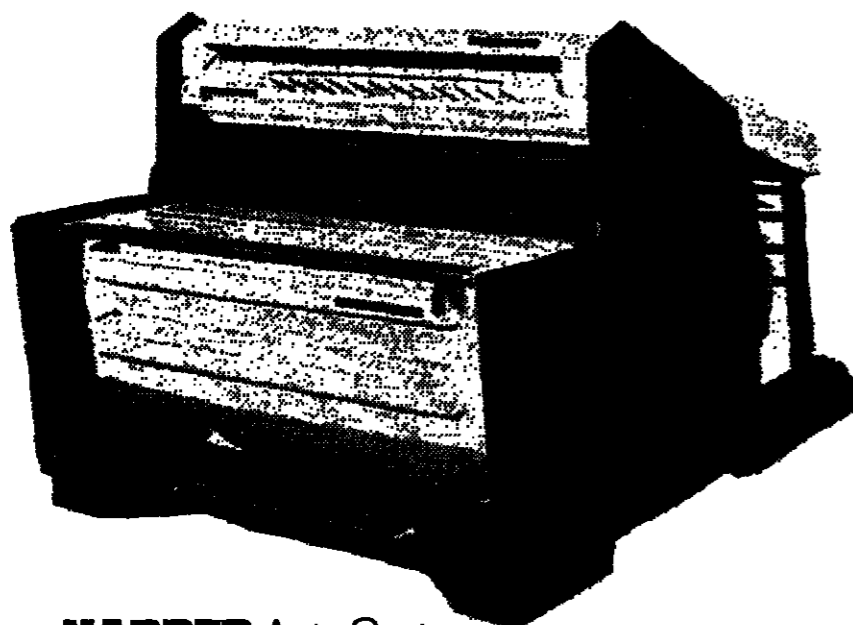
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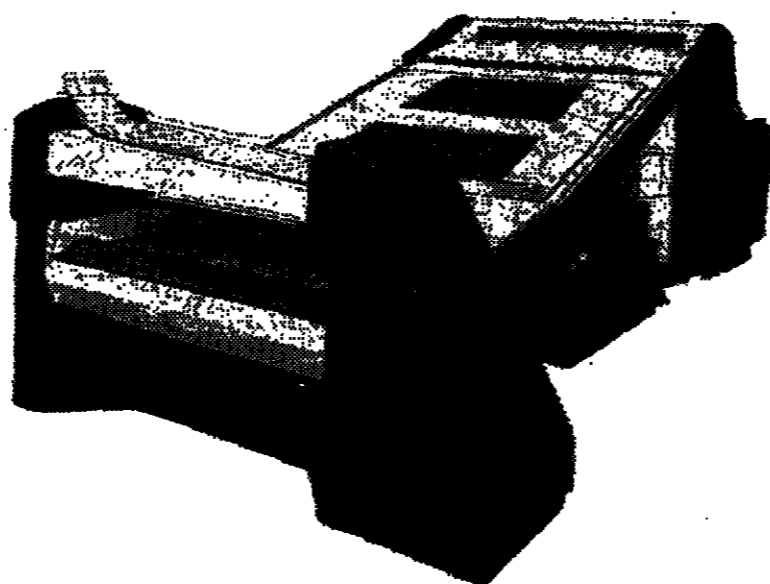
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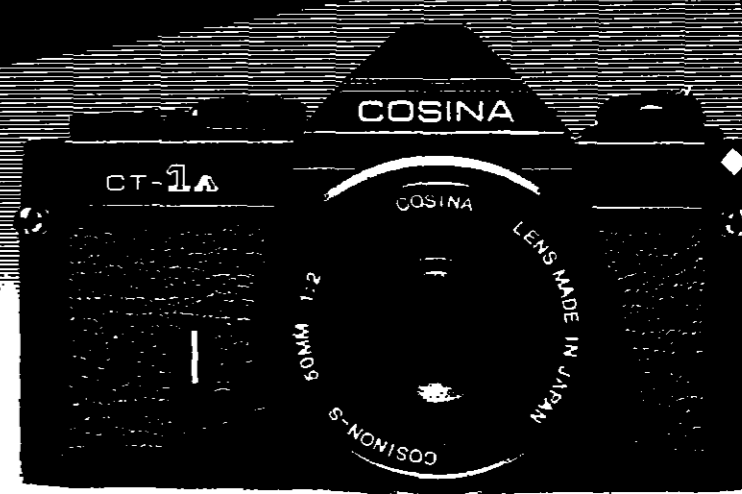


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Local firm gets city water pact

RIYADH, Oct. 27 (SPA) A national company Tuesday was awarded a Jeddah water project contract that previously had been withdrawn from a foreign company.

Agriculture and Water Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the award, which will be carried out in 18 months.

The contract originally had been awarded to the Korean Joo Development Company Ltd., but because of delays and deficiency in executing the project, the minister decided to suspend its work.

The contract in question called for the construction of an integrated drinking water network for several areas of the city including those west of Prince Fahd street, northern Salamah district, west of Madinah Road, another north of the sports stadium, the airman's township and parts of Petromin and Bawadi localities.

In a separate development, Dr. Al-Sheikh will open the date factory of Ahsa Tuesday, officials reported. Muhammad Abu Bateen, Ahsa irrigation and drainage project director, said that the new factory's overall output will reach 4,500 tons of dates annually.

The factory will purchase dates from local farmers at SR3.5 per kilo. No more than 12 tons will be bought from one farmer to ensure that as many people as possible benefit. The factory's produce will not be export-oriented, but only as aid representing the Kingdom's contribution to the international food program.

The date preparation and packing starts at the evaporation rooms, which could take up to 100 tons per day. The process then moves to washing and selecting before the dates are air dried. Dates are packed automatically into packages of 30 kilos and then into boxes of 12 packages.

SR7m contract let

RIYADH, Oct. 27 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman signed Monday a contract with a Saudi Arabian engineering office for the supervision of several sewage projects. The SR7 million contract called on the engineering firm to supervise some of the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department's projects for three years.

Local stamps fetch high price

London Bureau

LONDON, Oct. 27 — More than 2,000 Saudi Arabian stamps, the largest and most remarkable selection to be found on the market for over a decade, sold for a record £9,315 in London last week. More than half the stamps went for well over the estimated price and some went for double or even triple the printed estimate. One sheet of 36 overprinted half-plastre stamps from Nejd fetched more than ten times its estimate value of £35.

The collection was the work of an unknown American collector and consisted largely of early stamps from Hejaz

and Nejd as well as the earliest 'Saudi' stamps. A surprise development was the interest shown in Hejazi stamps which have generally been ignored in the West, preference going to Nejd stamps which were always more collectable.

The highest price in the sale was £1,700, paid for a collection of several hundred stamps from 1916 to the present day, including rare and more common early stamps. It was estimated to fetch exactly half this amount. A sheet of Nejd 1 1/2 plastre stamps, overprinted in 1926 fetched £900, over five times its estimated price of £175.

Islamic topics reviewed

Harakan meets with foreign envoys

MAKKAH, Oct. 27 (SPA) — Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan met here Tuesday with Mustafa Sese, Senegal's ambassador to the Kingdom and chairman of the Islamic-African Coordination Council in Dakar.

They discussed the topics on the agenda of the second African conference, which is to be held in Dakar in December, under the auspices of President Abdou Diouf of Senegal.

Sese later said that the Saudi Arabian leadership's support to the Islamic-African Council gives an enduring boost to the Islamic activities in the African continent. He commended the Kingdom's role in Africa and its support for the MWL's mission in that continent.

In a separate development, Harakan met

with Pakistan's Religious Affairs Minister Muhammad Abbas Khan and held discussions on Islamic propagation in Asia, the continental council for mosques in Asia, the local council for mosques in Pakistan and the distribution and translation of the monthly magazine *Dawat-ul-Haq*, which is published by the MWL.

Harakan said that existing cooperation between the MWL and Pakistan stems from Pakistan's role in the enforcement of the divine law and the establishment of the Secretariat for the Asian Islamic Council in Islamabad. He added that the support being given by the leaders of the two countries forms the strong basis for the spread of Islamic Call in Asia, which is now subjected to a ferocious Communist attack on Afghanistan and all other Muslim minorities living under non-Islamic systems of government.

BRIEFS

MAKKAH, (SPA) — Officiating for King Khaled, Makkah Governor Prince Majed inaugurated the World Center for Islamic Education Monday at Makkah International Hotel's solidarity Hall. During the ceremony he highlighted the importance of education in Islam since the first word in the Holy Koran is "Iqra'e (God ordaining the Prophet Muhammad to read)."

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference Habib Chatti met with a delegation of Thailand Muslims Tuesday. The team briefed him on the conditions of the seven million Muslims in the country. Chatti said the organization was interested in all the Muslim minorities everywhere and had set up a special department to monitor their welfare.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The number of evening intermediate schools in the country has risen to 113 according to figures released by

the Ministry of Education Tuesday. Their budget exceeds SR22 million.

DAMMAM, (SPA) — The Center for the Rehabilitation of the handicapped here has completed plans to employ a number of handicapped trainees in various jobs considered suitable for them. This is in keeping with official instructions to give these people the best possible chances.

JEDDAH, — The Ministry of Industry and Electricity has advised all local manufacturers of consumer goods to print the Hijri date on their products instead of the Gregorian date, according to *Okaz* newspaper Tuesday.

JEDDAH, — Sheikh Muhammad Amin Dahlawi, a Saudi Arabian businessman, who recently suffered a heart attack is undergoing a complete medical check-up at the Texas Medical Center under the care of Dr. Debakey, a famous heart specialist.

Prince Abdullah receives message from Mauritania

RIYADH, Oct. 27 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of National Guard, received the Mauritanian president's special adviser, Muhammad ibn Hamido, Monday.

The Mauritanian official conveyed a message from President Muhammad Khona Ould Hayadallah for King Khaled. The presidential adviser said the message dealt with the latest developments in north Africa.

In a separate development, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri received Monday U.S. ambassador, Richard Murphy; French ambassador, Michel Drumetz; Syrian ambassador, Muhammad Al-Tall; and Qatari ambassador, Abdul Rahman Hamad Atiyya.

Timber furniture show planned

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — A display of top quality domestic and office furniture made from a unique, and fast growing, type of timber will be held in Jeddah from Nov. 2 to Nov. 4 at the Meridien Hotel. The timber is West Australian Jarrah, a member of the eucalyptus family, but with special qualities of its own.

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Technology advances viewed 'Future office' seminar held

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — Advanced office equipment is making its way into Saudi Arabia, and officials from Juffal's Saudi Business Machines Limited have been introducing the forerunner of futuristic models to local companies in order to prepare them for the changes.

In a seminar entitled "The Office of the Future," SBM officials Sheikh Khaled Al-Juffal; Fredrik Wengelin, general manager here; and Elie Jarrous, office products manager, introduced the Displaywriter to members of the private and public sectors in Riyadh and Jeddah.

According to the specialists, in five years the typewriter will be obsolete, and the more progressive company offices will have the text processor, which is both an advanced word processor and mini-computer. During

the seminar, the specialists told decision makers about office technology development for the next 10 years, and described what the office of the future will be like. They also gave a demonstration of the Displaywriter, which was introduced about three months ago in Saudi Arabia.

The inherent advantage of the system is that it will reduce manpower needed in the office. The executive of the future more than likely will be the person who can use the machine to perform most company office transactions. The benefit to Saudi Arabian companies is that the new technology offers an answer to the manpower shortage.

According to the specialists, the system also can be used for inter-office communications — especially with the advanced telecommunication system under construction throughout the country.

Sheikh Khaled said that companies may not have an immediate need for a large data processing system, and so the processor enables a company to start small and gradually build up its capabilities as the need requires.

According to Wengelin, the unit can be used in the home or integrated with telex capabilities. Jarrous added that the seminar was tailored to help decision makers plan for the office of the future, and to introduce text processing as a first step. Companies attending the seminar included high-level representatives from Saudia, Al-Saudi Al-Hollandi Bank the Saudi Arabian navy, SAPTCO and the PTT ministry.

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Debate on Dead Sea Canal urged

U.N. Assembly panel raps Israeli digging

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27 (R) — The United States and Israel cast the only negative votes when a General Assembly Committee Monday adopted a resolution calling on Israel to "desist forthwith" from all excavations near religious sites in Jerusalem. The draft, certain to be endorsed by the assembly plenary, referred in particular to the Al-Aqsa and dome of the Rock Mosques which, it said, were "in danger of collapse."

The vote in the assembly's special political committee was 101 to two, with 23 delegations abstaining, including the 10 members of the European community. Sponsored by 29 mostly Arab or Islamic countries, the resolution demanded that "Israel desist forthwith from all excavations and transformations of the historical, cultural and religious sites of Jerusalem."

Ambassador Hazem Nuseibh of Jordan said the latest diggings had resulted in serious

cracks in the middle of the west wing of Al-Aqsa. Talaat Hamdi of Saudi Arabia said the Israeli design was to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer, Zehdi Terzi, said that "what could not be demolished would be made to collapse."

In another development, 20 Arab states Monday called on the General Assembly to debate Israel's announced intention to build a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea. In a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, their U.N. representatives formally requested the addition of this topic to the assembly's agenda as "an extremely grave and urgent item."

They cited resolutions condemning the Israeli project adopted by the Arab League and by a recent U.N. conference on new and renewable sources of energy held at Nairobi.

Musavi nominated Iran's premier

BEIRUT, Oct. 27 (Agencies) — President Ali Khamenei Tuesday nominated Foreign Minister Mir Hossein Musavi as Iran's new prime minister and asked parliament to give the nominee a vote of confidence, a spokesman for the parliament's public relations office reported.

The spokesman said that Musavi's nomination letter was read out at an open session of Iran's parliament, by Speaker Ali-Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Parliament will meet Wednesday in secret session to consider the nomination. It will be followed by a public debate and vote.

Musavi belongs to the clergy and founded *The Islamic Republic* newspaper, the publication of the ruling Islamic Republic Party.

He is the editor of the paper. Musavi, who is a trained architect, has made several recent trips abroad, most notably to Libya for a conference of the Steadfastness Front opposed to the 1978 Camp David agreements between Israel and Egypt, and to New York for the 36th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

He was first nominated for the foreign minister's post in September, 1980, by then-Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, who was killed in an Aug. 30 bomb blast, but President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who now is in exile in Paris, vetoed the choice. Bani-Sadr's decision began open conflict between the two men.

India rejects Zia's no-war pact offer

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Tuesday accused Pakistan of preparing for war and ridiculed Pakistani President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq offer for a "no-war pact" with India.

"I am intrigued why President Zia uses such words as 'no-war pact' with India at a time when he is arming himself with sophisticated weapons," said Mrs. Gandhi at a press conference at Delhi's Palam Airport on her return here from a 10-day foreign tour. Mrs. Gandhi was categorical and firm in her replies to questions on Pakistan and she made it apparent that neither she nor her

government would consider President Zia's no-war pact offer.

President Zia reiterated his offer last week and had said that he was ready to make the offer to India in writing. Mrs. Gandhi said that President Zia's offer "makes no difference whatsoever" adding that India had offered a similar pact in 1949 and regularly repeated it since then.

Stating that Pakistan was now "raising the no-war pact bogey while at the same time making all sorts of anti-India propaganda," Mrs. Gandhi also accused Gen. Zia of "raising bilateral issues at international forums."

Sudan plays down crisis with Libya

CAIRO, Oct. 27 (AP) — Sudan's foreign minister sought Tuesday to play down the danger of war with Libya, saying he hoped Libya would make good on its promise to pull troops back from the Sudanese border. Muhammad Mirghani spoke to reporters after a one-hour meeting with President Hosni Mubarak. He said he gave Mubarak a letter from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri and found the views of the two leaders identical.

Asked in an impromptu interview outside Oruba Palace if the crisis between Libya and Sudan had eased, he replied: "Actually the crisis is there, but emotionally we are feeling much better and we hope to see signs in the area of an easing."

Kuwait asks U.S. to play evenhanded role in M.E.

KUWAIT, Oct. 27 (AP) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Monday urged the United States to play an evenhanded role in the Middle East conflict and exercise more understanding toward the Arabs. He told a group of American businessmen visiting here that justice toward the Palestinians and understanding toward the Arabs would help promote U.S.-Arab cooperation.

France said sending small arms to Chad

PARIS, Oct. 27 (AP) — France has started sending small arms to Chad as the first step in moves to support President Goukouni Oueddei against pressure for a merger with Libya, informed French sources said Monday.

Polisario downs two Moroccan military planes

PARIS, Oct. 27 (R) — Algerian-backed Polisario fighters shot down two Moroccan military planes in fresh fighting in Western Sahara at the weekend, the official Algerian news agency (APS) said Monday.

The APS report, monitored by Reuters in Paris, said a battle raged all day Saturday around the strategic desert town of Guelat Zemmour, where the Polisario and Moroccan forces fought for a week earlier this month. Polisario shot down a U.S.-built F-5 fighter and a French-built Puma helicopter, killing 14 persons aboard, the APS report said. It gave no other details.

The Polisario has been fighting for control of the vast, phosphate-rich area since 1976 when Morocco and Mauritania took control from Spain.

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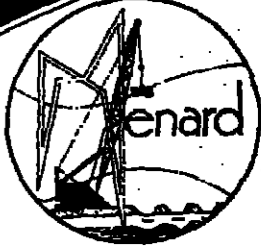
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ISTANBUL, (R) — Turkey's military authorities closed the country's leading rightwing newspaper *Tercuman* indefinitely Monday after articles appeared criticized the recent decision to dissolve all political parties.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Three Arab nationals were hanged Tuesday for the rape and murder of two seven-year-old girls, it was learned here, bringing to nine the number of persons hanged in Kuwait since independence in 1961.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini has canceled his appointments for 15 days beginning Thursday, Radio Tehran reported Tuesday.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Deputy Soviet Defense Minister Air Marshal Pavel Katakho will visit Algeria early next month, the army newspaper *Red Star* reported here Tuesday. The visit is at the invitation of the Algerian air force chief, the paper added.

CAIRO, (R) — Egyptian authorities have seized another 30 extremists, bringing to 427 the number arrested since the assassination of President Anwar Sadat three weeks ago.

DAMASCUS, (AP) — Syria's government newspaper *Tahrir* warned the European Economic Council nations Tuesday against participating in the multinational force that will patrol the Sinai desert after Israel returns the last section of the peninsula to Egypt next April.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egyptian border guards have seized four tons of hashish worth an estimated \$12 million as smugglers were trying to land it on the Mediterranean coast, it was reported here Tuesday.

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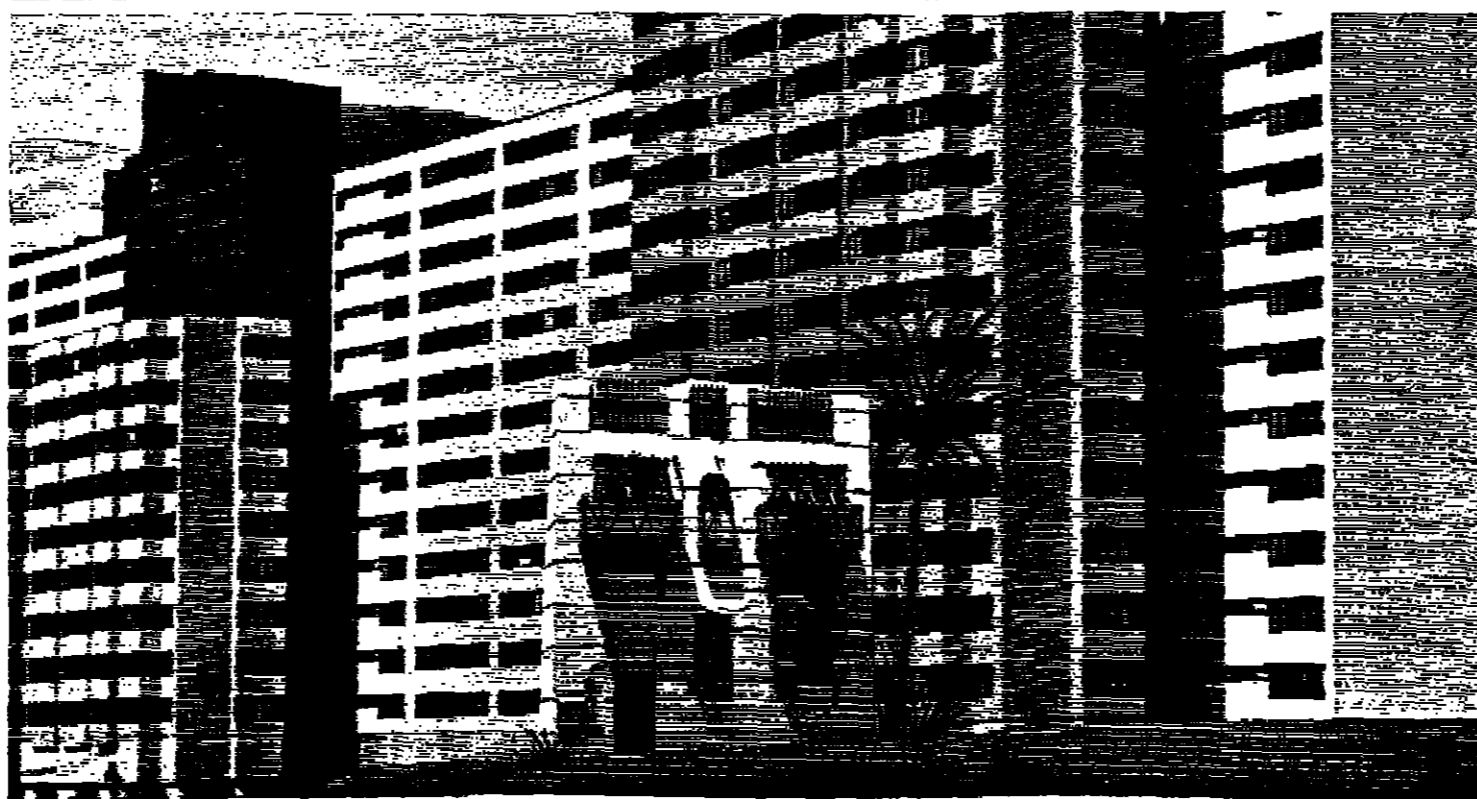
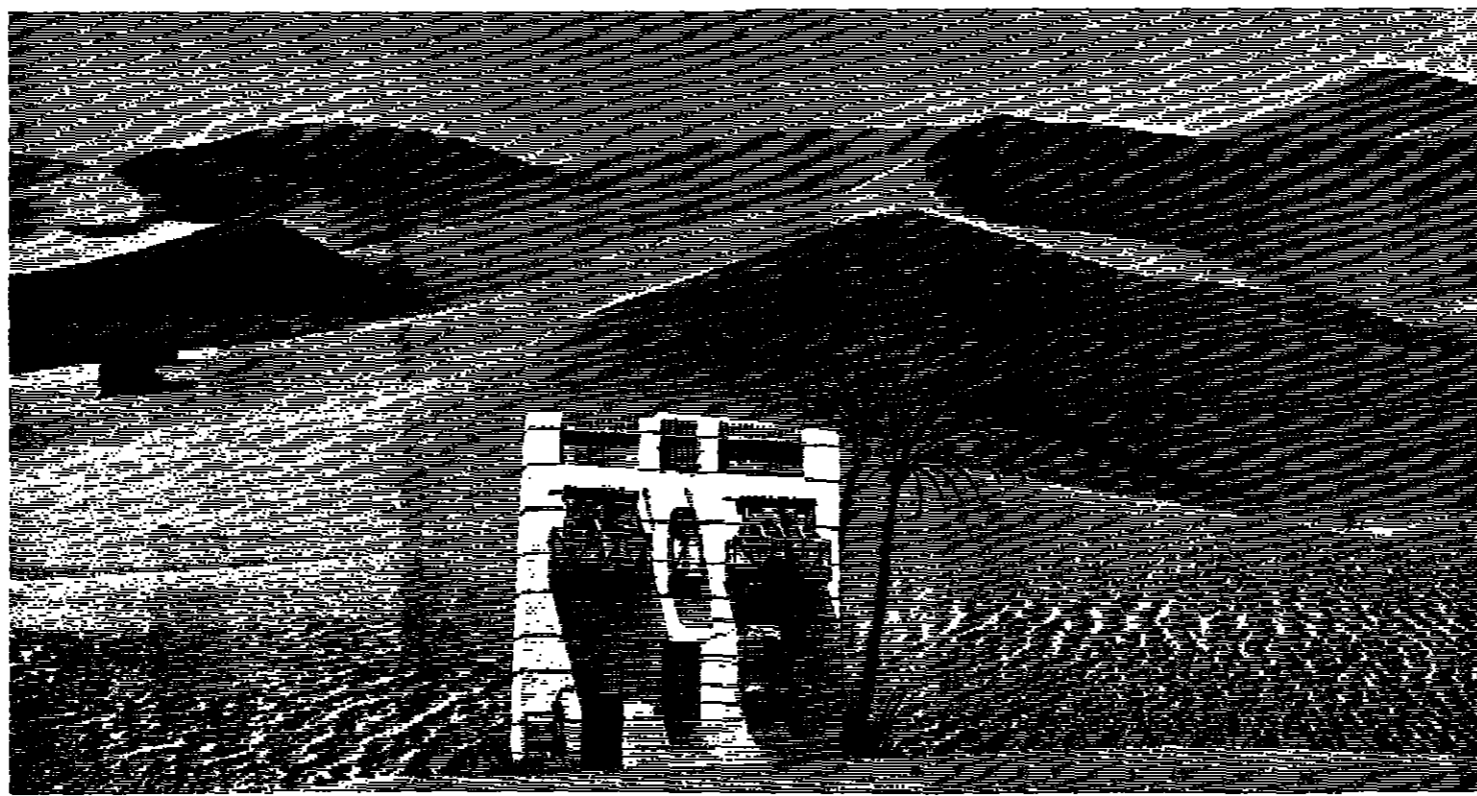
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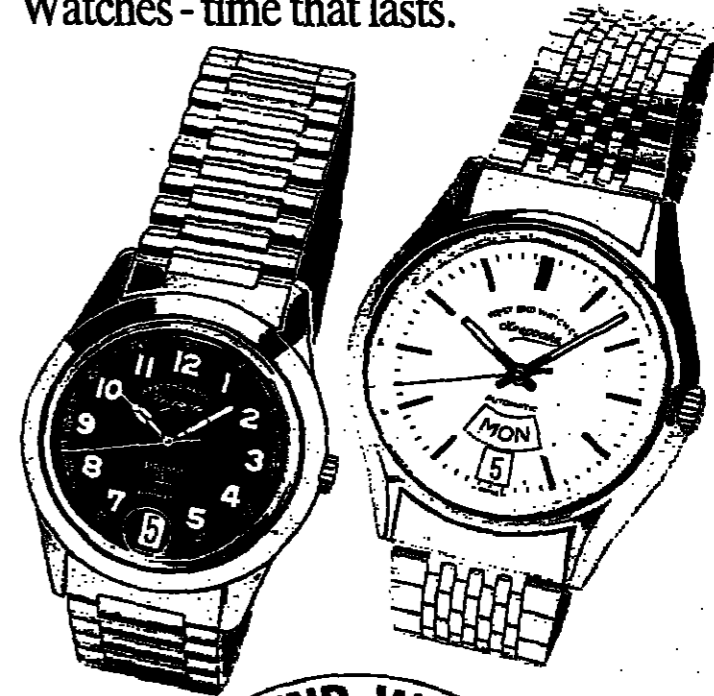
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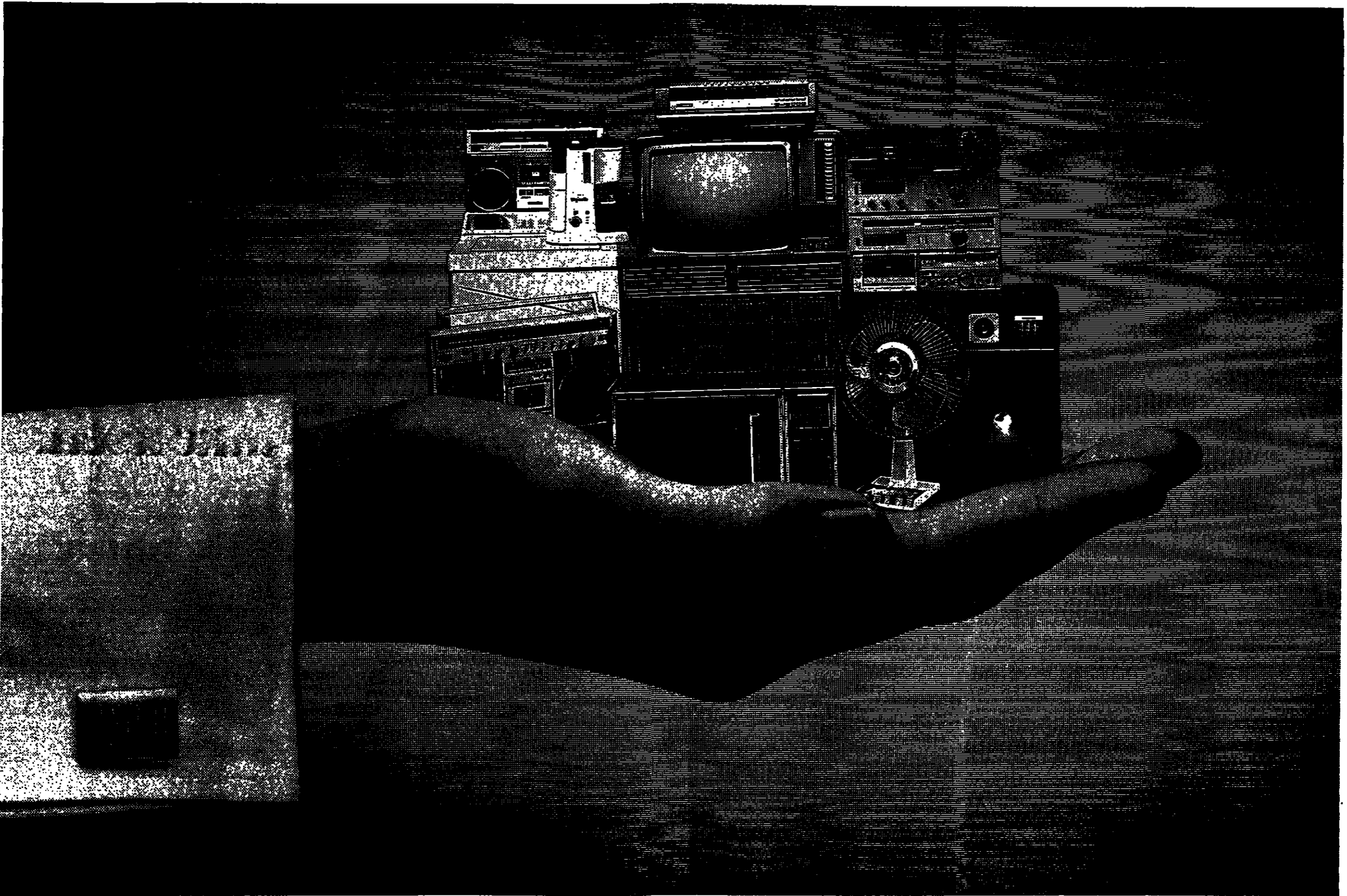
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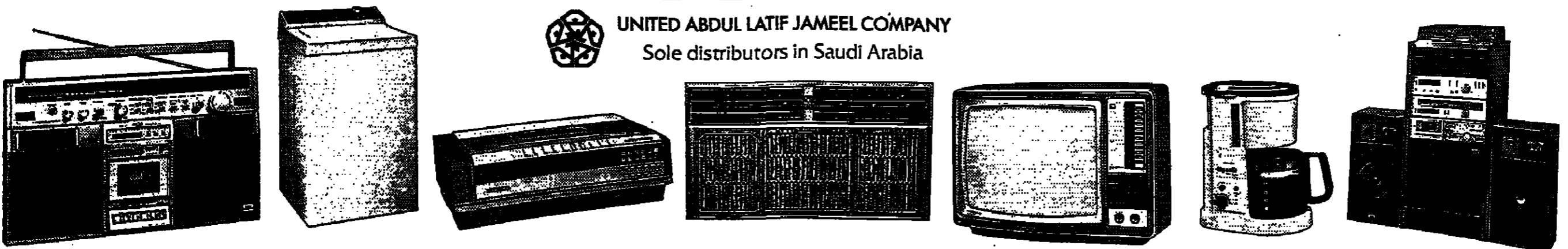


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Sahara battle jeopardizes peace plan

By Susan Morgan

GUELTA ZEMMOUR, Western Sahara — The latest clash between Moroccan troops and Polisario fighters marks a new escalation in the six-year war for the independence of Western Sahara. Never before have the Algerian-backed Polisario fielded such advanced weapons.

According to Gen. Ahmad Dimi, Morocco's senior commander in the Western Sahara, they included a dozen T-54 tanks, 50 Soviet-made armored personnel carriers, and two SAM-6 missile launchers. The battle of Guelta Zemmour was the biggest of the desert war, with the Polisario throwing in 3,000 men.

Both sides claimed victory but last week Morocco flew newsmen to the desolate battlefield to demonstrate its dominance. The general said he doubted whether the Polisario alone were capable of handling such sophisticated equipment.

Morocco was furious that the attack was planned and launched from neighboring Mauritania — only 25 miles away. Last week, for the first time in six years of war, Moroccan planes pursued the Polisario to their sanctuaries inside the neighboring country. Gen. Dimi said a prime objective was the destruction of Polisario's new weaponry.

Not only did Mauritania allow Polisario to take refuge in Mauritania, said the Moroccan foreign minister, Muhammad Boucetta, but Mauritanian soldiers were fighting alongside the Polisario in contravention of signed accords of neutrality. Two Mauritanian cabinet ministers, Ould Boukreiss and Ould Bneiara, visited the battle zone, yet further proof of culpable Mauritanian involvement, he added.

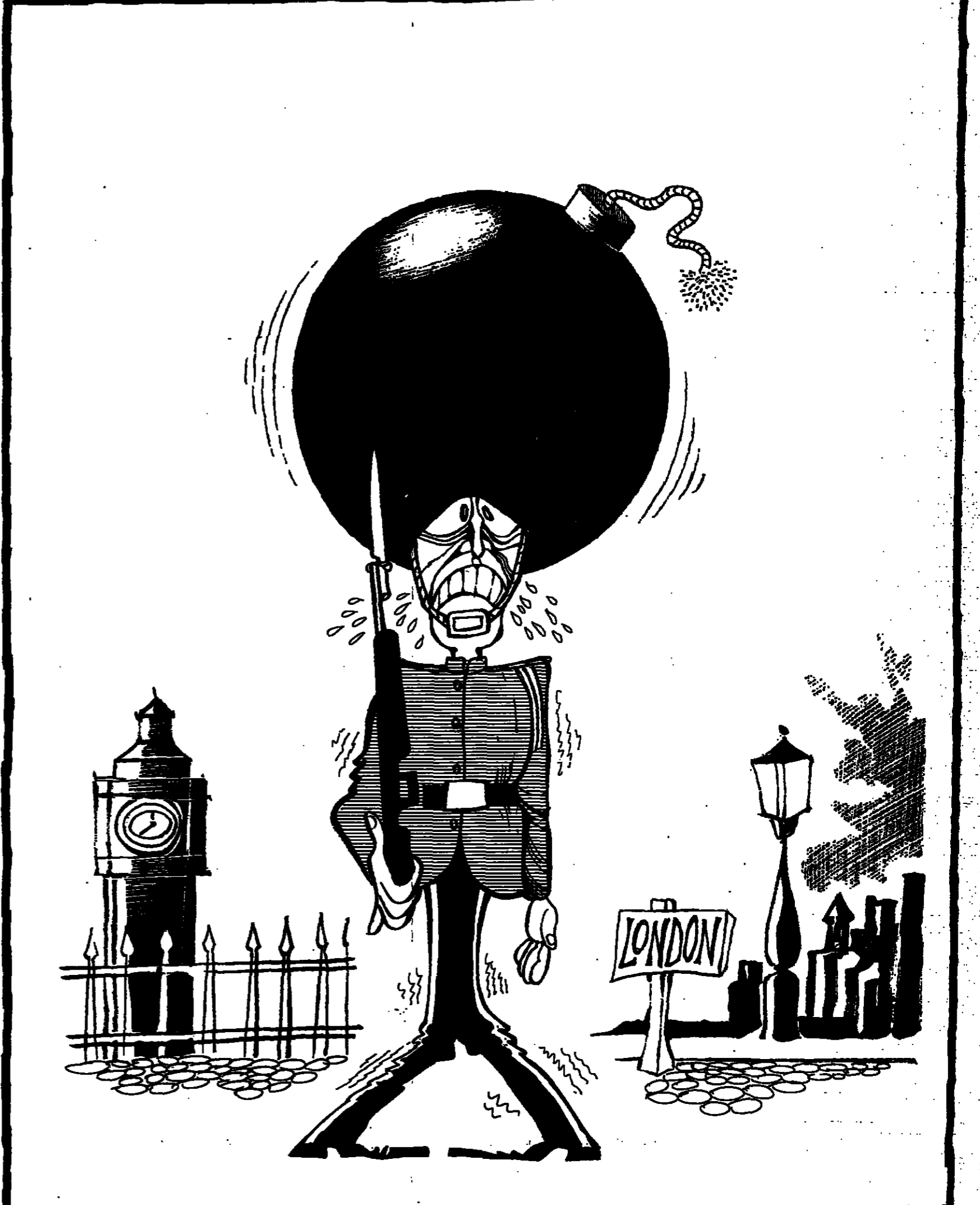
This is the first time Morocco has accused Mauritania of direct intervention in the war. So far King Hassan of Morocco has forbidden his troops to cross the Mauritanian frontier. The order does not include air pursuits, which will sharply worsen relations between the two neighbors.

On the day of the dawn attack by 3,000 Polisario (according to the Moroccan account), SAM-6 missiles shot down three Moroccan planes, a C-130 reconnaissance plane and two F-1 Mirages. The rebels held the Moroccan oasis garrison for a few hours before being ousted by thousands of Moroccan reinforcements. The commander insisted Polisario had evacuated all its damaged equipment and wounded.

The attack described by King Hassan as "an event of extreme gravity," came just as a peaceful settlement of the Saharan conflict appeared in view with a decision by the Organization of African Unity to negotiate a ceasefire and organize a referendum on the Western Sahara's future. The king said in a message to world leaders he considered the incident gave him "freedom of action," implying he no longer felt bound by the OAU decision. But most Moroccans believe the referendum will go in their favor and the premier has said it will still go ahead.

Morocco has not only accused Mauritania of being involved in the most significant battle so far, but has charged that Algeria and Libya were ultimately responsible for supplying the Soviet-manufactured arms to Polisario. The charges — notably against Libya — will receive a sympathetic hearing by an increasingly jittery Reagan administration.

In the aftermath of the attack, it is likely that an order for 108 U.S. M-60 tanks will be speeded up. Morocco is soon to receive 15 F-5s, as well as Cobra helicopter gunships promised by the Carter administration. Morocco is also expected to ask for more arms from a French military delegation due to arrive here soon.



Soviet Army plagued by alarming contradictions

By Andrew Wilson

LONDON — "No, there'd be no shortage of volunteers to go into Poland. Soviet soldiers are fed on propaganda, official and unofficial. They'd believe they were liberators." The voice on the telephone was that of an officer defector from the Red Army, now in Britain, speaking to the press for the first time anywhere.

Viktor Suvorov (a codename to hide his identity) is author of a book published in London this month called *The Liberators*. What he has had to tell Western intelligence about the grass-roots mentality and operational training of Soviet troops is probably unique.

Suvorov commanded a tank company before he defected, and took part in the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. The initial operation went smoothly; there was no armed resistance. "But it was very badly done," he said. "There was nobody to receive us."

Poland would be a tougher proposition. "The Czechoslovak independence movement was middle-class. In Poland it's a thing of the whole nation." On the telephone Suvorov gave a taste of the picture he portrays with devastating frankness in his book, of a Red Army full of alarming contradictions.

"Morale's lousy; on many accounts — the food, the uniforms, the standard of officers. But it would be different in war. The KGB units behind the first line would see to that. Better a NATO bullet in the chest than a KGB one in the back."

Another problem is language, he says, due to the variety of nationalities in the Soviet Union. During the Czechoslovakian operation most of Suvorov's sergeants could understand a little Russian. But the soldiers came from all over the place. "They not only didn't understand me; they didn't understand one another. All the nationalities had been mixed up with the supposed aim of developing friendship between the peoples. They knew only 10 commands: Get up, Lie down, Right, Left, Forward, Back, Run, Turn Round, Fire — and Hurrah."

In tactical training, the stress is almost entirely on the offensive; the war of movement, concentration of force, says Suvorov. But in practice, as his own experience bears out, things can go badly awry. His best story centers on a massive exercise rehearsed for the general staff and members of the politburo to watch, in which a heavily reinforced army was to cross the Dnieper.

He says: "We'd just been given the new T-64 tank. New equipment is introduced first into second-line formations, rather than first-line, for reasons of secrecy. At first we were very excited. But the T-64 turned out to be a lousy tank. The gun was all-powerful but to increase the muzzle velocity the designers had given it a smooth bore, which reduced its accuracy. You could say it was an all-powerful gun that always missed the target."

"And it had a new kind of track. Before, tracks had had to be changed after every 1,400 miles; now they could stand 7,000. The only trouble was they kept falling off. As for the engine, it was a disaster, and a whole team of fitters and design staff had to go with the battalion."

The exercise was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the October revolution. What made it a farce was that, to ensure a good display, the units taking part were to be composed entirely of officers who were ordered to remove rank badges and wear troopers' overalls.

"During the elaborate preparation the Soviet Army to all intents lost its combat preparedness. To build up one show division, 10,000 officers were needed. They had to be called in from four key military districts that in war would become army groups. This meant that if there had been a sudden threat from NATO, there would have been no nucleus around which to conduct mobilization. I'd say it was evident that no one of the general staff believed then or now in the possibility of an attack from NATO."

The scheme for the Dnieper exercise was that the T-64s of Suvorov's battalion would cross the river submerged, the tanks taking air through a snorkel device. But as all troops know, crossing a wide river under water requires luck and great care. The reduced gravity of the vehicles means that just a light touch on the steering controls can swing them round violently. It is possible for an inexperienced crew to drive them round helplessly in circles.

To make sure that this part went well thousands of troops were employed to pave the river bed with steel matting and build concrete furrows to keep the tanks running in a straight line; an operation that would be out of the question in war.

"The entire armada of 5,187 tanks had to cross to the other bank of the Dnieper in a strictly limited time, before the eyes of the politburo itself, not to mention distinguished foreign guests. There were 100 furrows completely invisible from the spectators. Building them had taken months."

The exercise turned out to be like so many military exercises the world over, including NATO's:

one big Snaifu (service shorthand for "Situation normal, all fouled up"). A motor battalion was to move up to the river, covered by artillery and air bombardment. It would then secure a bridgehead into which Suvorov's tank battalion would be the first to cross.

"Two artillery brigades plus eight artillery regiments cleared the way. The infantry's armored personnel carriers plunged into the water and swarmed toward the enemy bank, which was wrapped in the smoke of exploding shells. Shell fragments rained down endlessly, some reaching the middle of the river."

"According to the operation plan, when the infantry were halfway across, the guns should have switched to firing in depth. But the artillery showed no sign of letting up. On the contrary, the rate of fire increased. This was either because the artillery observers had missed the right moment, or because the battalion had started crossing too early. In any case, it was impossible for the armored carriers to continue, and they started to circle in the water, crashing into one another in the current."

All this was in front of the distinguished guests. Eventually the defense minister shouted into a microphone, and the guns stopped — all but one battery which went on firing and stopped bashfully a few minutes later. Meanwhile the armored carriers continued pirouetting in the water, because the battalion commander dared not give the order to advance.

"When finally the artillery started to fire in depth, the battalion moved toward the bank. But not one carrier managed to get out of the water, because the guns had cut the opposite bank to pieces. Eventually the battalion commander did the only thing he could: he ordered the crews to get out and wade or swim ashore." — (ONS)

Showing off U.S. military might

By Peter Pringle

YORKTOWN, Virginia — Ronald Reagan is determined to show off America's military might wherever and whenever he can, even at weekends. As much as thousands of Americans wanted to bask in a little bit of Old Glory two weeks ago without worrying about the cares and fears of the modern world, the Reagan administration just wouldn't have any of it.

The occasion was the 200th anniversary of the victory of George Washington's forces over the British at Yorktown in 1781, an event that effectively ended the revolutionary war. It seemed an entirely appropriate time for 4,000 enthusiastic military history buffs, dressed in colorful replicas of 18th century uniforms, to set up camp with their white canvas tents, eat boiled beans, and when the mood took them, fight mock battles with black powder in their muskets and canons — just like their forefathers had done — until they were tired out.

But they were only allowed half the show. In another corner of the battlefield, courtesy of the United States Department of Defense, sat a menacing F-15 fighter plane capable of carrying nuclear weapons, an M1 tank and a varied assortment of helicopter gunships.

When the smoke of the musket battles had died away, paratroopers of 82nd airborne came floating down out of the clear blue skies, units of the elite Special Forces fought their own battles on the ground trodden by the Continental Army and a squadron of F-15s roared overhead in formation.

From the start the new army secretary, John Marsh, charged by President Reagan with reviving the dispirited U.S. armed service, had seized the main chance.

On Jan. 29, he issued his first directive. It said that during 1981 the theme of the nation's land forces would be "the army at Yorktown, spirit of victory" so that "America's modern army could take heart from its colonial forebears." "I want our army to look back at that army that won us our independence, to look back at the courage, the skill, the dedication and mostly the victory at Yorktown," he said two weeks ago. "It will remind our army of how good they really are."

President Reagan himself was also quick to see how to turn Yorktown to his own advantage. On the eve of the North-South economic summit in Cancun, Mexico, he invited the new French President Francois Mitterrand, with whom he has some serious disagreements about how to help Third World nations, to the celebrations.

LEBANESE MASSACRES

A few weeks' reprieve and then the civilians of Beirut find themselves once more the object of pitiless, horrifying and indiscriminate massacre. The car-bombers have resumed their murderous activities, this time in East Beirut — a variation of some significance.

When Lebanese civilians were being killed in West Beirut, a mysterious group calling itself "The Front for Liberating Lebanon from Foreigners" claimed responsibility. This time, the "credit" for the deed in East Beirut is yet to be claimed. If it is the same group then its true task has at last come to light — which is that of "liberating" Lebanon from all the Lebanese, irrespective of their political divisions.

Stories about who is ultimately behind the outrages abound. Yet the most significant ones are not heard in the market place but told only to trusted friends in the strictest of privacy and confidence. The aims of such action, it is said, are politically very wide, seeking as they do to entrap all sides into renewed civil war.

These actions, it is said, vary only in scale of intensity from the previous almost seasonal attempts to ignite the Lebanese fuse, and they normally coincide with impending developments outside and within Lebanon — especially when those developments augur a possible end to the country's torment.

There are those who still find profit in the tragedy of Lebanon; those for whom the murder of a few hundred civilians every month is small price to pay for political gains. But one cannot blame those alone. However painful it might be the fact has to be restated: the Lebanese, by consistently failing to resolve their own problem, have also to bear part of the blame.

Saudi Arabian press review

Tuesday's newspapers commented on the Israeli defense minister's plan to replace the military administration by civilian officials in the occupied Arab lands so as to divert the attention of the international community from the real sufferings of the Palestinian people, and on the validity of Crown Prince Fahd's plan as a viable platform for the solution of the Mideast conflict.

Al-Riyadh said the Israeli plot to replace the military administration in the occupied Arab lands by a civilian administration was only a marginal change arranged to deceive the international community from the realities of the region. The paper urged Arab leaders to convene an emergency summit to foil the dangerous designs of the Israeli government behind such a plot.

The paper described Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East peace plan as the most suitable alternative to all the previous failed attempts aimed at settling the Mideast problem in favor of Israel and the enemies of the Arab nation.

"Fahd's eight-point blueprint has weighed all the possibilities and choices offered both at the Arab and international levels and chosen the most acceptable and secured path for achieving a just and comprehensive solution for the Middle East issue. The plan will enable our Arab Palestinian people to return to their homeland and will ensure the restoration of the usurped Arab territories," *Al-Riyadh* added.

All-German peace initiative

By Werner Kastor

LONDON — In an open letter to the Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev the East German dissident Professor Robert Havemann has demanded the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Germany. He also suggests the signing of a peace treaty between the former world war allies and the Germans, and a halt to further nuclear armament in East and West Europe.

The letter has so far been signed by about 30 East Germans, among them several authors, and about 150 West Germans.

Peter Brandt, the son of the former West German chancellor, has taken it on himself to whip up support for this all-German peace initiative in recent years. The Havemann initiative is unique in that it unites critical East and West German intellectuals in a call for disarmament on both sides of the East-West border in Europe.

Among those who signed the letter in West Germany are such prominent names as Martin Walser, Ingeborg Drewitz and Luise Rainer. East German signatories include the writers Jurek Becker and Gunter Kunert, and East German emigrants such as Wolf Biermann, Jurgen Fuchs and a number of younger writers recently expelled from East Germany. No doubt, given the opportunity, many other critical East German intellectuals would sign the letter.

Most remarkable of all, however, is the attempt by Havemann to revive former Russian plans for a neutralized and demilitarized Germany, a favorite idea of Soviet leaders until the 1960s. Havemann argues that the division of Germany after the World War II initially secured peace for Europe. By now, however, the division of the country has led to a most dangerous situation, as both superpowers have used their part of Germany as a storage place for their most sophisticated and deadly weapons.

The letter suggests leaving the subject of reunification to the Germans themselves after the demilitarization and neutralization of the country. Given the present unpopularity of the U.S. and the growing strength of the peace movement in West Germany, the Havemann initiative could become a powerful force. It is the first appeal of its kind which unites the whole of the deeply divided West German Left and is also very attractive to the general public in East and West Germany.

If the Soviet Union is so concerned about the arms race as it wants the West to believe, the Kremlin leaders might even be tempted to pursue the subject of the all-German peace initiative at diplomatic level.

Anti-Americanism grows W. Germans trapped between superpowers

By Robert H. Reid

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Behind slogans of anti-Americanism, jokes about a "cowboy in the White House" and marches against U.S. policy lies a belief among many West Germans the United States is no longer a model for Europe.

For these people, many of them under 35 years old, the United States is not a glimpse of the future but a unique country of racial problems, social injustice and insensitivity to the views of others.

Der Spiegel, and influential weekly news magazine: Features as its cover story this week: "Reagan's America...A land for the rich." The article sharply contrasts the affluence of southern California with the grinding poverty of slum-dwellers in New York.

In its criticism of American social consciousness, the magazine notes among other things that the "most powerful industrial nation of the world ranks 13th in the world alongside Malta in the battle against infant death."

Other Germans more friendly to the United States concede that despite a joint commitment to democracy and Western ideals, Western Europe is so fundamentally different from the United States in geography, history and resources that America cannot serve as a realistic model.

Both viewpoints present a far-reaching shift in public opinion in this Western European country since the heady days of staunch pro-Americanism here after World War II.

The shift in opinion about the United States has already begun to have its effect on the budding peace movement and in the emerging "leftwing nationalism" which sees Germany as a divided country held hostage by the two superpowers.

It has also led to more frequent discussions by the West German press, radio and television about the need for Western Europe to add itself as an independent force between Washington and Moscow.

During a mass anti-war rally here on Oct. 10, Social Democratic Party official Erhard Eppler spoke of the "Europeanization of Europe" and said the other nations of the continent wanted to be more than "pawns on the chessboard of the superpowers."

"I remember in the years after the war, it was the Americans who taught of freedom," said one West German journalist on a recent nationwide television panel discussion.

"But now no one here, neither the government nor the opposition parties, is talking about adopting the American administration's social policy for example."

America's image in West Germany had been on the decline since the Vietnam War, when many people here felt the United States lost its cold war reputation as a champion of national independence.

Observers believe the shift in opinion was accelerated after the election of President Ronald Reagan, whose commitment to free-wheeling capitalism and military superiority clashed with the views of the ruling Social Democratic-Free Democratic coalition.

While the United States was shifting to the right and tearing down what was by European standards a limited social welfare network, several European nations such as France and Greece were moving to the left.

West Germany spends about 30 percent of its gross national product on social programs — compared with 11 percent by the United States in 1979 — and its labor laws would be the envy of American traditionalists.

Union representatives sit on most corporate boards of directors and many management decisions regarding conditions in the work place require approval of a workers' council.

But the difference between public opinion in America and West Germany came into sharp focus on the issue of defense. While surveys indicate most Americans want a stronger defense, a wave of pacifism is sweeping West Germany and other European countries.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has been a strong supporter of Western plans to station new U.S. nuclear missiles on German soil but Schmidt faces growing public opposition and lost the backing of his own Social Democratic Party on the issue.

While Schmidt and Reagan maintain the West is trailing the Soviet Union military strength, many West Germans accept Moscow's argument that there is already a balance of power on the continent.

By this line of reasoning, the new Western missiles will not restore the balance but upset it and trigger a new arms race.

The difference in opinion also stems in large part from history. The United States — an ocean away from the Soviet Union — has not experienced a major war on its soil since 1865.

For Americans: World War II and its mass executions have been largely forgotten, superseded by the national consciousness by Vietnam, Watergate and other events.



NEW DISEASE? This grotesquely elongated hand is part of the grisly transformations which take place in the spine-chilling new film, *An American Werewolf in London*. Hollywood actor David Naughton is one of two American students who come to England for a holiday, and encounter more than they can handle.

Leaving the 'power keg'

Australia, Canada attractive to emigrants

By Harry Trimbora

COLOGNE, West Germany (LAT) — Hans and Annemarie Schliebach are afraid that Europe may be embroiled in another war, so they have decided to emigrate to Australia, where they hope to find safety for themselves and their three children.

"I believe we are sitting on a powderkeg," Schliebach said as he and his family waited in the crowded lobby of the Australian embassy's immigration department, where they were to be interviewed on their application for an immigrant visa.

"War may not come for two or three years," the 47-year-old government employee added, "but I am afraid there may be a real possibility of war in five or six years. This is the main reason we are leaving Germany."

The Schliebachs are among a growing number of West Germans who are forsaking their homeland to settle in other parts of the world.

In 1980 more than 4,000 West Germans emigrated, mostly to English-speaking countries like Australia. The figure is only slightly higher than those for previous years, mainly because of immigration restrictions by the more attractive countries.

"We are very, very selective," Dario Costello, an Australian immigration official, said, reflecting the view of other foreign immigration officers in West Germany. "We want only the best and we approve only a minority of the applicants."

In the year ending last June, Australia accepted only 2,422 West German immigrants, but the number is expected to rise to more than 4,000 by next June.

Yet, while the actual number of migrants has risen only marginally in recent years, the

number of applicants has gone up dramatically.

Costello said that 20,400 West Germans had filed applications for emigration to Australia alone. He said he expects the figure to reach 30,000 next year.

Consular officials representing a number of countries report increases of from 40 percent to more than 100 percent in the number of applications for immigration. They said they expect the number to continue to increase in the next few years.

A Canadian immigration official, Boris Stipac, said his office was swamped with applications.

"Because of the decision to cut government spending, we have had to reduce our staff here (in Bonn)," Stipac said, "and it now takes us about nine months to process an application, which is far too long."

Canada, which accepted fewer than 2000 West German immigrants last year, is now receiving 5,000 to 6,000 inquiries a month, Stipac said.

The prospective emigrants want to leave highly prosperous and stable country with a standard of living and social benefits that are the envy of much of the world. And while it has its problems, there is no crisis to West Germany, nothing like the great crop failures of 1816 that touched off the first big wave of German emigration to the United States.

The United States continues to accept about 5,000 West German immigrants a year, more than half of them individuals who have married American businessmen or American servicemen based in West Germany.

Yet, despite the possibility that the United States could be embroiled in a war with the Soviet Union, many more West Germans

would emigrate to the United States if it were not for restrictive U.S. immigration laws.

While thousands of immigrants from the Third World are flooding into West Germany in search of a better life, more and more West Germans are growing dissatisfied with the limitations and complexities of their well-ordered country.

Besides the fear of war, there is a growing pessimism resulting from the country's slowing economy and the sporadic violence growing out of a squatters' movement. Some see a lack of opportunity. All these factors have been mentioned by the Schliebachs or other prospective emigrants.

Like the Schliebachs, many are concerned that war would turn Germany into a battlefield, a concern based on what is viewed as President Reagan's tough attitude toward the Soviet Union, the Kremlin's arms buildup and the attempt by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to counter it by deploying a new generation of nuclear missiles in Europe.

"West Germany is a front-line state," the Schliebach's son, Gerd, 23, said. "We wouldn't stand a chance."

The unrest in Poland, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and other manifestations of conflict have fueled the fear.

For many prospective migrants, the fear of war is secondary to other factors, according to immigration officials. Yet, as the Canadian official, Stipac, put it, "fear provides the extra push in the decision to leave."

Many emigrants complain of a lack of elbow room in West Germany, no bigger than Idaho and with one of the highest population densities in the industrialized world.

"There are simply too many people here and the competition is too great," Christof Kubitzki, 25, a welder, told a West German

journalist just before his departure for Australia.

The desire for more space has lured many Germans to western Canada, Stipac said.

For West Germans, the most widely traveled people in the world, this desire for more space is often ignited by a trip abroad. As an elderly German said after returning from a visit to the western United States, "I simply could not imagine there was so much open space left in the world."

Many emigrants see in such spaciousness a chance for opportunity for themselves and their children that they find lacking in the small, crowded countries of Europe.

Large countries like Australia, Canada and South Africa, which are still being developed, are especially attractive to would-be entrepreneurs, individuals who feel that they cannot succeed under what they see as rigidities of the West German economy.

Hans Schliebach, for example, plans to give up his job at the Federal Ministry of Housing, Construction and Municipal Development to open a family restaurant in Australia.

"We want to be independent," he said. Entrepreneurs are especially desirable immigrants, Costello, the Australian immigration official, said.

Such individuals, he added, provide employment for local workers, help develop export markets and generate new ideas, procedures and processes that aid the national economy.

Barry Brogan, the chief Australian immigration officer here, pointed out, however, that the prospective entrepreneurial immigrant "must have enough money to start up his own business and a feasible plan that it will succeed."

French media crises due to politics

By Greg MacArthur

PARIS (AP) — The French news media is going through an identity crisis after the breakdown of 23 years of conservative rule. Opposition and pro-government newspapers have switched roles since the May 10 Socialist victory, and the future, freedom and economic structure of French broadcasting are up in the air.

The respected daily *Le Monde's* internal ideological disputes have spread to the front page, where conflicting editorials jockey for space. The press of the extreme right has become more strident, and a brash little Paris Daily, *Le Quotidien de Paris*, has more than doubled in circulation after staking out an unequivocal position in the center-right opposition.

Dozens of semi-legal, private radio stations — espousing a range of political and social positions from conservative to anarchist to feminist — have sprung up, hoping to garner a spot on the dial when the new government gets around to granting licenses.

The Conservative British owner of the newsweekly *L'Express*, Sir James Goldsmith, conducted a housecleaning at the magazine, and his fiery newsroom speech left no doubt he intended to keep the editorial line firmly to the right during the socialist reign.

Although the French press has never been shy about showing its ideological colors, its detractors accuse it of being too timid in its dealings with the powerful.

"There has always been this respect for authority in France, coupled with a cult of 'the leader,'" said Joseph Pasteur, the new director of Antenne 2, one of the three state-run television networks.

"Maybe it stems from the traditions of the monarchy when you had to show respect for the various nobles," he said. "In France, even today, it's not just Mr. President when you address the president of the country, but Mr. President of the regional council, the town council, even of the local fishing club."

"You'll never see French reporters at a news conference addressing political leaders the way they do in the United States," he said. "For one thing, French viewers just wouldn't stand for it: it would be lacking in the proper respect."

For another thing, press critics contend, most French reporters simply are neither trained nor expected to be aggressive.

This characteristic seemed most obvious after the satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné*, France's only investigative paper, broke the news that then-president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had accepted a gift of diamonds from Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled emperor of the Central African Republic. Bokassa, considered one of the world's worst tyrants, was later deposed in a French-backed coup.

Le Monde got onto the story, perhaps belatedly, but "basically we were out there all by ourselves," Cannard reporter Serge Richard said. "The foreign press paid more attention to the story than the French press did." Television news all but ignored the story.

The government has always considered broadcasting "a tool, not for governing, but for getting its message across," according to Pasteur. "We've never had the freedom of say, the BBC or the American commercial networks."

The written press is also subject to pressures. It is illegal to "insult the president of the republic," reporters can be forced to reveal their sources and newspapers can be prosecuted for publishing anything that may reveal state secrets.

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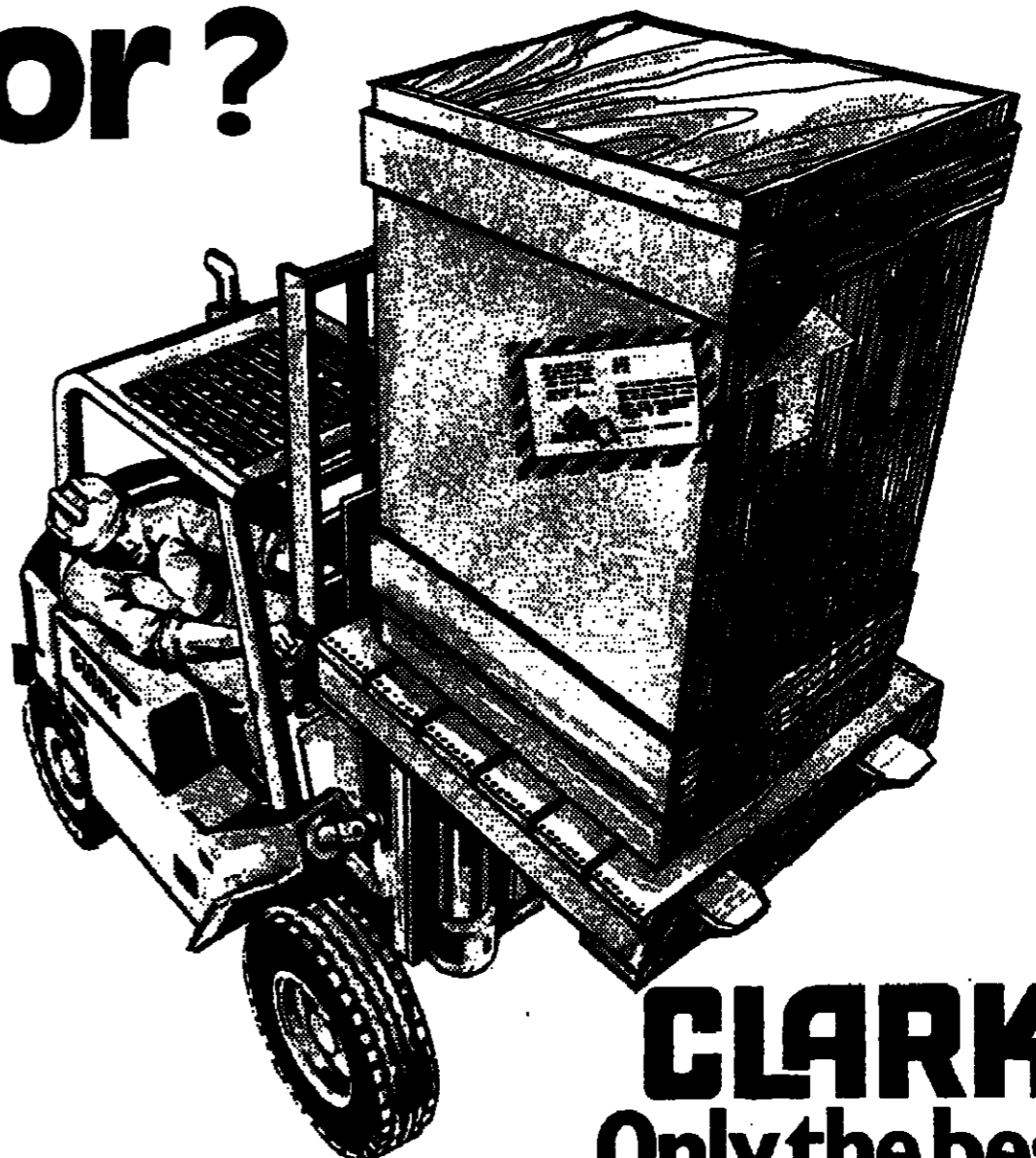
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Senate panel told B-1 effective till mid-90s

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP) — The 3-1 bomber would be effective against Soviet air defenses into the mid-1990s, provided it were accompanied by electronic-jamming improvements, the U.S. Congress has been told.

Officials of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) gave that assessment as a Senate Armed Services Committee opened what the chairman, Republican Sen. John Warner, said would be a comprehensive series of hearings on the buildup of Soviet strategic power and the U.S. response to it.

The DIA's deputy director, Rear Adm. E.A. Burkhalter Fykn, Monday confined his public testimony largely to a restatement of estimates of Soviet power outlined in a glossy brochure distributed by the Pentagon last month.

Under questioning by Warner, another

Clues to history sought in fossils

GAINESVILLE, Florida, Oct. 27 (AP) — A study of bird fossils may yield clues on how bird migration started, how early man lived and what the climate was like nearly 2 million years ago, a University of Florida researcher says.

For the past two years, Diana Matthiesen has been going through some 50,000 bird fossils recovered in the early 1960s from the Olduvai gorge in Tanzania. The gorge is the site of the find of a 1.7 million-year-old human ancestor known as australopithecus.

The fossils have all the characteristics of the food cast-offs of known human sites, said Ms. Matthiesen. "My feeling is that working on the Olduvai fossils is like working on an Indian midden (trash pile)," she said. "There are the same kinds of bones and similar kinds of birds."

New York collection displays old designs in vibrant colors

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP) — Carol Horn's spring collection features deep, clear jewel tones but the designs seem better suited to those old TV cartoon families, the Jetsons and the Flintstones, than to today's young woman.

Some tops at her show Monday featured huge shoulders with oversized collars that look like upside-down triangles or caps over exaggerated shoulders — like an astronaut's gear from the 21st century Jetson's wardrobe.

Other outfits lacked detail, except for some limp ruffles. Some of them looked like the simple fashions of the Stone Age Flintstones characters. But the price is right for today's young consumer, said a buyer from a leading department store. She added that the silhouette was right for today's contemporary woman.

There may have been room for debate over the shape, but there was consensus that Miss Horn's colors were full of life. With the exception of a rather lackluster amber, her keynote group of jewel tones such as emerald

DIA official, Henry Hoffman, said the B-1 would force the Soviets to develop and deploy a new generation of air defenses at large expense to cope with the new bomber. Given the time needed for this to be accomplished, Hoffman said, the B-1 will be an effective system "up through the mid-1990s."

However, he added, this estimate assumes that the United States will equip the bomber with "electronic countermeasures" designed to thwart Soviet radar and other defenses.

Democrat Sen. Carl Levin, a critic of the B-1 program, noted that William Perry, then the Pentagon's research and development chief, had said in April 1980 that the Soviets would be able to fully deploy new air defenses in 1987. Hoffman, however, stuck to his own estimate.

In his initial presentation, Burkhalter said that since the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty was signed in 1972, the Soviets have deployed four new missiles, two new classes of submarines and a new bomber while the United States has added virtually nothing new.

But under prodding by Levin, the intelligence official amended this to note that the first U.S. Trident missile-firing submarine will be commissioned next Saturday, long-range Minuteman missiles have been given new warheads and the B-52 bomber force has been modernized since the SALT Treaty was signed.

Meanwhile, Peter Blaker, British armed forces minister of state, said in London Monday that there is no evidence that the Soviet Union or any other country has stationed nuclear weapons in orbit.

Asked whether he was satisfied that Moscow was abiding by international treaties outlawing nuclear weapon carriers in space, Blaker answered in a written House of Commons reply: "We have no reason to believe that any state has placed nuclear weapons in orbit or stationed such weapons in outer space in any manner."

and ruby was clear and vibrant.

Less successful were attempts at more subtle blues and greens, identified in the press handout as lapis and jade, which looked washed out compared with the sapphires and turquoises that predominated elsewhere.

Some of her nicer touches were cotton sweaters a la football or rugby with large horizontal stripes on the bodice and thinner stripes in different colors on the sleeves. Also wearable was a pretty collection of linen suits with vertically striped culottes or shorts banded at the hem in the same print in a horizontal direction. The jackets have puffed sleeves which narrow toward the wrists and were shown with mandarin neck blouses with tucks down the front.

There was plenty of suede, in those beautiful magentas and sapphires, especially nice in mid-calf flared skirts with double ruffles at the hem. Their matching T-shirts, also in suede, with ruffles at the sleeve and neck, and belted with a twisted rope for a peplum effect, weren't as lively.

BRIEFS

BELGRADE, (AP) — An earthquake registering 3.4 on the Richter Scale shook an area 180 kms southeast of Belgrade at 11:49 GMT, a seismological institute reported here Tuesday. No injuries or damages were reported.

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy, (AP) — Mehmet Ali Agca, convicted of trying to murder Pope John Paul II, has started a hunger strike at the maximum security prison where he is serving a life sentence, the news agency Italia said Monday.

HOLLYWOOD, (AP) — Edith Head, whose dress designs for stars from Mae West to Natalie Wood won her eighth Oscars, has died of a rare bone disease, her attorney said Monday.

SOPIA, (AFP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has accepted an invitation to visit Bulgaria early in November, it was reported here Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Mrs. Gajrabhen Desai, wife of former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, died Sunday in Bombay following a long illness. She was 81. She is survived by her husband, son Kanti and daughter, Mrs. Virubhen Desai. Morarji Desai, 85, was prime minister of India from 1977-79.

LOS ANGELES, California, (AP) — Ariel Durant, who collaborated with her husband Will Durant on numerous historical books, including a Pulitzer prize-winning volume, died Sunday night in her Hollywood hills home, a family spokesman said.

Dutch pirate films shut down

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Oct. 27 (AP) — For the first time in a year of late-night pirate TV, the local cable network this weekend stopped the airing of movies by the city's numerous illegal stations.

The measure followed last Friday's ruling by an Amsterdam court ordering the KTA cable company to black out any film the company believes is being broadcast without permission from its makers. An earlier ruling by the same court had already forced KTA to prevent the showing of films produced by the eleven members of the Motion Pictures Association of America.

KTA manager Hans Jacobs said a six-man crew at the cable company monitors every channel for pirate broadcasts. The moment a pirate tries to air a movie, the crew switches off the channel for about 20 minutes, replacing it by a sign informing viewers of the — action, he said.

Jacobs explained his company could be fined up to 10,000 guilders (\$4,000) for copyright infringement if a movie is aired illegally.

Prior to the court's rulings, pirate TV programming featured such box office hits as *Star Wars*, *The Blues Brothers* and *The Ten Commandments*. Estimated to number

up to 25, the pirates bounce their signals off the cable company's antennae, reaching into thousands of homes with programs sponsored by local advertising.

Jacobs said the cable company has appealed the court's rulings, claiming that the decisions were in violation of the freedom of information clause of the 1956 Treaty of Rome. In KTA's view, that treaty forbids censorship of signals sent on the cable system, obligating the company to keep the network open 24 hours a day. A hearing in the appeals case is set later this year in The Hague.

Meanwhile, the Amsterdam court may restrict the pirates even further by also prohibiting the broadcast of videotaped TV shows and specials. The decision has been requested by a local production company, which claimed a pirate station illegally replayed one of their shows.

While the rulings to date do not prevent pirate stations from airing such materials or their own programs, they do present serious financial problems, Jacobs said. "The pirates will need more and more money to provide good local programming. The legal network stations are having trouble with that, too."

Mahathir downplays Commonwealth

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 27 (AP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Muhammad, in an interview published Tuesday, downplayed the importance of relations with the British Commonwealth as a part of his foreign policy.

Mahathir, who became prime minister in July, told the *Utusan Melayu* newspaper: "I have given my stand, in terms of relations, in terms of priorities. Our first priority is ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries. Second is with the Islamic countries, third with nonaligned nations, and only fourth with the Common-

wealth.

"Though we have this list of four priorities, they are not equidistant. The Commonwealth may not only be fourth but may fall far behind the others, perhaps for the moment. But in the future it shows it really functions as a Commonwealth, i.e. a great wealth divided equitably, we may revise our priorities," said the prime minister.

"But so far the policies of some members of the Commonwealth do not really benefit Malaysia in particular and developing countries in general. So we don't give priority to the Commonwealth."

West Germany may recruit women for military service

INGOLSTADT, West Germany, Oct. 27 (R) — West Germany may have to call up foreign residents and seek women volunteers for military service to meet an expected shortage of recruits, the country's armed forces chief has announced.

Inspector-General Juergen Brandt, top military commander of the Bundeswehr (armed forces), said likely population trends in the late 1980s meant conscripts would have to serve at least 18 months instead of 15 months at present. He told a conference of nearly 400 generals, admirals and senior officers Monday that from 1987 there would not be enough young men of conscription age to keep the Bundeswehr at its present strength of 495,000.

Extending military service could not on its own correct the shortfall. West Germany would have to consider conscripting foreign residents and opening its armed forces "at least for volunteer women soldiers," he said. West Germany's armed forces are the second largest in Western Europe after those of France, which total nearly 505,000. By contrast only 60 women serve the Bundeswehr in uniform as doctors and veterinarians, compared with 15,000 Frenchwomen in military service.

The West German constitution bars women from carrying arms in the armed forces although the idea of employing them in non-combatant roles has been under study for some time, Defense Ministry sources said. Defense Minister Hans Apel prompted a storm of protest from women's organizations when he broached the idea more than two years ago and Brandt's speech seemed likely to cause renewed controversy.

Calling up the children of so-called *Gastarbeiter* (guest workers) and other foreigners could provide tens of thousands of extra 18-year-old conscripts each year. Government figures show there are 190,000 foreign

resident between the ages of 15 and 19. Brandt said the Bundeswehr must also adjust to the prospect of no real growth in defense spending during the 1980s and 1990s, if economic output continued to stagnate. This would mean greater cost consciousness in developing new weapons. West Germany drew criticism from Washington in August when it admitted that defense spending this year, at 43.8 billion marks (\$19 billion), would not meet the NATO goal of a three percent increase after inflation.

Ex-hostages lose bid to overturn Carter accord

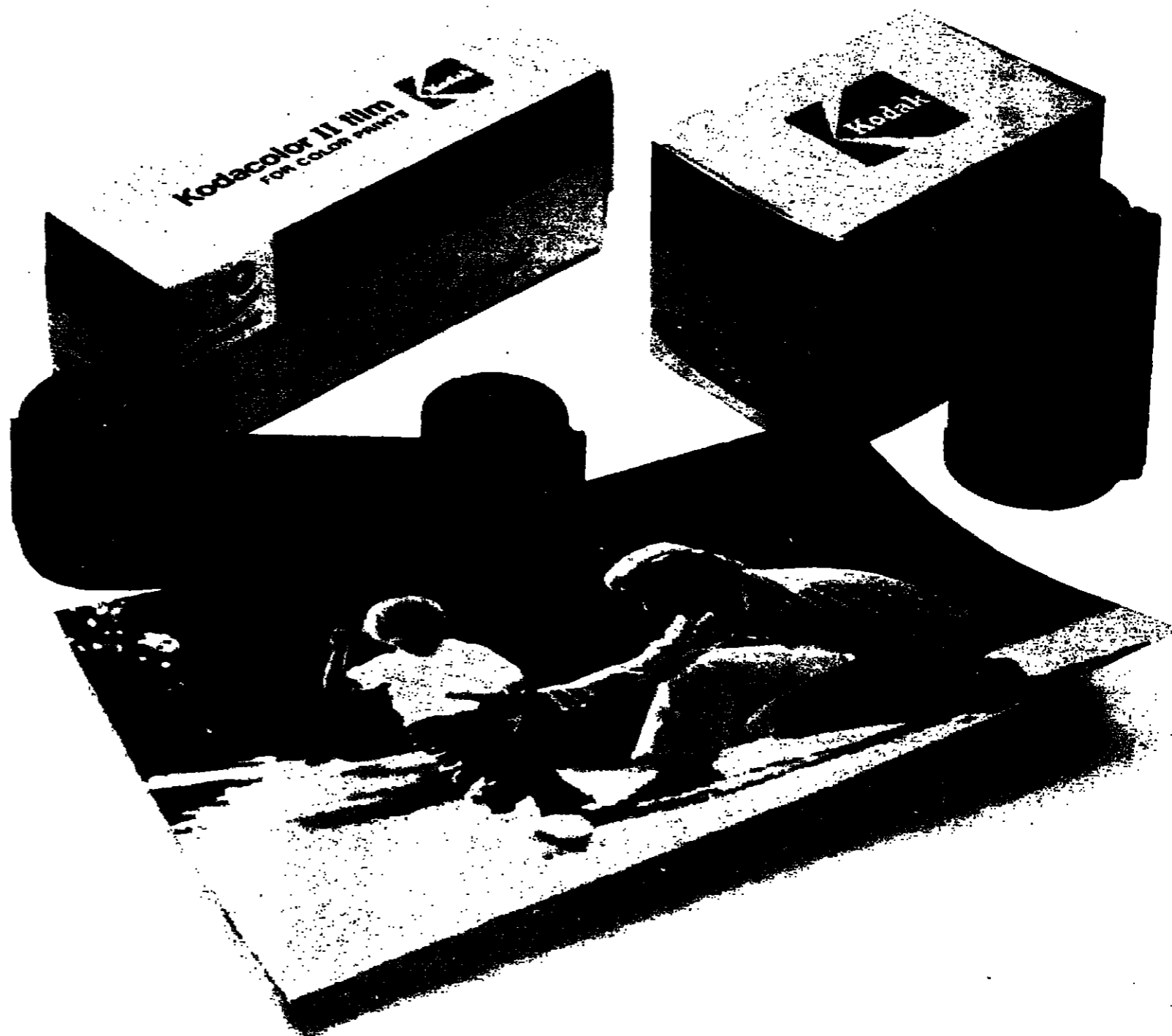
LOS ANGELES, California, Oct. 27 (AP) — Thirteen former hostages freed from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran last January lost their bid Monday to overturn an executive agreement by then-President Jimmy Carter that prevents lawsuits against Iran.

U.S. district judge William Gray dismissed the ex-hostages' lawsuits, saying it may not have been wise to include the ban on lawsuits in the agreement that was worked out to secure the hostages' release, "but he (Carter) wanted to get the hostages out of there."

Attorney James Davis, who said he will appeal, had filed the suit on behalf of former hostages John D. McKeel, Charles Wesley Scott, William B. Royer Jr., Donald A. Sharer, Leland Holland, David Roeder, Regis Ragan, Paul Needham, Duane Gillette, William Gallegos, Alan B. Golacinski, Malcolm Kalp and Charles Jones Jr.

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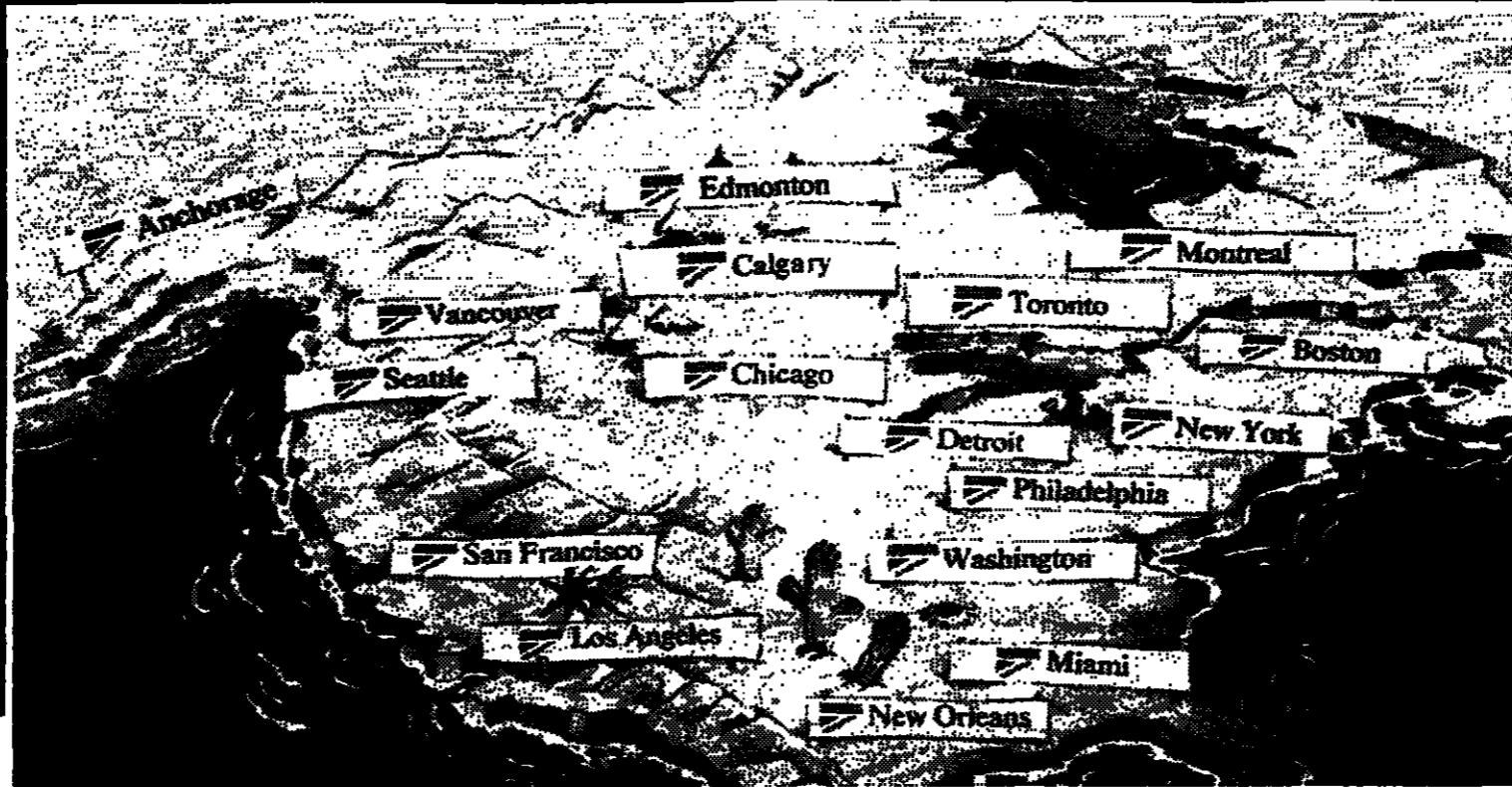
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36 banks, top firms

French assembly okays takeover bill

PARIS, Oct. 27 (AFP) — The first round in the verbal slugging match over nationalization of France's leading business groups ended Monday night with an overwhelming vote for government ownership of five industrial conglomerates, 36 banks and two financial holding corporations.

The national assembly voted 322 to 154 for the government takeover. The Gaullist and Giscardist opposition had no chance of blocking the majority of Socialists and their Communist allies, but had delayed the outcome by submitting 1,208 ill-fated amendments.

The marathon two-week debate, during which stenographers fainted, was led by insults shouted between the two sides. French newspapers deplored the invective as the worst heard in parliament in a quarter-century.

The nationalization bill will now undergo scrutiny and scathing criticism in the Senate, where the opposition still holds a majority. The Senate lacks the power to block the measure: but it is unlikely to become law before January.

This will increase danger of takeover bids by foreign firms to capture control of the foreign subsidiaries of the two holding companies, Paribas and the Suez Canal Finance Company.

A takeover bid to capture the Swiss branch of Paribas was successfully completed Monday. A similar move against Paribas' Belgian holding company is likely. The Swiss takeover caused an explosion of wrath by Socialist members of parliament. They accuse the opposition of delaying the nationalization bill to permit partial invasion of the nation's financial interests. Socialist members have been rhetorically demanding that "heads should roll."

In London Monday, banks from eight countries owning shares in the firms being nationalized complained that they were worth at least twice what the government intends to pay for them.

France has agreed to negotiate with foreign stockholders. But if it increases their compensation, it will be obliged to pay French stockholders at the same rate.

The nationalization bill, plus the negotiations already concluded to give the government nearly complete control of the steel industry and aerospace industry, will increase the proportion of French factory workers employed by the government from 4 percent to 20.

Until now, government-owned firms have amassed 16.8 percent of gross French industrial profits. This will now rise to an estimated 30.8 percent. But just before Monday's vote, Giscardist spokesman Charles Millon

affirmed in parliament that state ownership of most big banks would amount to financial control "of the quasi-totality of our economy." Gaullist orator Jacques Godfrain said in his party's summing-up speech that the state was becoming a "benevolent despot" that would "provide everything" and end competition by means of monopolies.

Socialist Party majority leader Pierre Joxe told the assembly that nationalization will permit "rational investment policy" devoted to "the general interest instead of the search for private profit."

He told opposition members of parliament: "You whine when we put our program into effect — but if we did not apply it, the country would protest."

Ironically, the only serious strike since the leftist government came to power has been at the Renault car factory here, which was already nationalized at the close of World War II. Monday, workers in a shop that has been paralyzed by strike since late September voted 112 to 106 to continue their strike. It has idled 40,000 assembly-line workers and prevented assembly of 18,000 cars.

BL's fate hangs in the balance

LONDON, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Amid fears that the nationalized motor group British Leyland will be closed down, Leyland workers are due to go on strike from Nov. 2 in protest at the management's offer of a maximum 3.8 percent pay rise for the coming 12 months.

Leyland chief Sir Michael Edwardes, who has repeatedly warned he will close down the company if the strike goes ahead, has received the backing of several cabinet members, including Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, Treasury Secretary Leon and Industry Secretary Patrick Jenkin.

They have said there is no reason why the government should rescue Leyland if he decides otherwise. Although management-union talks have officially broken down, Len Murray, secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), is in touch with both sides. The official A.C.A.S. conciliation body whose Chairman Patrick Lowry used to be Leyland's personnel officer, could be called in. Lowry has already had some unofficial discussions with the two sides.

Management and union leaders are under strong pressure from many quarters to reach a mutually face-saving settlement. On Monday, Sir Michael Edwardes inserted press advertisements affirming that so far this year the Leyland staff has had pay rises going beyond the cost of living increase.

Exxon profits decline by 20.7 percent

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP) — Exxon Corp., the largest U.S. oil company, said Monday its third-quarter earnings fell 20.7 percent from a year earlier, while Shell Oil Co., ranked No. 8, reported a 33.4 percent increase.

Exxon cited higher oil-exploration costs and sharply lower profits from refining and marketing. Exxon's earnings for the three months ended Sept. 30 dropped to \$1.08 billion from \$1.36 billion in last year's third quarter. Revenues rose 3 percent to \$27.61 billion from \$26.75 billion.

Shell attributed its gains to increased output of oil and natural gas and higher prices for those products. It also improved its profits from marketing and refining. The Houston-based company said its net income rose to \$471 million from \$353 million in last year's third quarter. Revenues climbed to \$5.6 billion from \$5.1 billion.

Clifton C. Garvun, Jr., Exxon's chairman and chief executive, said the company's earnings were hurt by reduced demand for petroleum products and a global oversupply of crude oil.

West's aid dwindling 3rd World hopes rest on Gulf

LONDON, Oct. 27 (WAM): Things are not looking good for the developing countries. According to the World Bank, the wealthiest nations are cutting back their plans to increase aid. In the U.S. (which contributes considerably less of its gross national product than the World Bank thinks it should), "new budget proposals indicate that future aid will be lower than had seemed probable a year ago." The same is happening elsewhere. "The United Kingdom has announced cuts in previously planned programs," says the World Bank.

So what is the Third World to do? And how does Arab aid compare with that given by the Western nations? The *New Scientist* magazine, published in London this week, carries an article by Ziauddin Sardar which analyzes the present state of Arab aid to Third World. Sardar reports that there is little doubt that since 1972, when OPEC had its first price hike, the Arab oil producers have emerged as the leading donors of development assistance. Last year, the eight Arab development funds signed agreements worth a total of \$1.9 billion with Third World countries, in addition to \$6.8 billion that these agencies, distributed during the year. As percentages of their gross national products (GNP) the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Qatar gave considerably more development assistance than the United States, Britain, France and West Germany. The 1980 percentages for these Arab countries according to the World Bank are 3.96, 2.19, 2.60, 3.87 and 4.50 percent respectively. In the same year, U.S. aid was only 0.27 percent of its GNP, while Britain, France and West Germany managed 0.34, 0.62 and 0.43 percent respectively.

The *New Scientist* article comments that these figures fall below the World Bank's recommendation that industrial nations should give 0.7 percent and even further below the 1 percent the Brandt commission called for. In contrast, certain Arab countries have showed quite astounding figures. In 1975, for example the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar achieved 11.68, 8.11 and 15.62 percent. Faced with such statistics, who can say that Arab aid is anything but generous?

Sardar writing in the *New Scientist* goes on to analyze trends in Arab aid and points out that the Arab funds are sometimes criticized for concentrating too much of their aid in Islamic countries. Arab aid agencies are increasingly paying attention to the poor countries of Africa and Asia. Managers of the Abu Dhabi Fund, for example, have widened their original brief to include African and Asian countries as well as Arab states. The Saudi and Kuwait funds are now supporting developments projects not just in Asia and Africa but in South America as well, while the Arab countries received 64 percent of the total Arab aid in 1978 and 53 percent in 1979, their share declined to about 40 percent last year. Arab development assistance for Africa, meanwhile, has continued to increase. Africans received just 13 percent of the total in 1979 but their share shot up to 27 percent in 1980 and is expected to continue to increase for the next few years. Many African projects are backed by more than one Arab fund. In Senegal for example, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BARDEA) has joined with the Islamic Development Bank to finance a chemical plant which will produce sulfuric and phosphoric acids, fertilizers and other chemicals both for the local market and export. BARDEA is providing \$10 million and the Islamic Development Bank is contributing 15 percent of the total cost of \$260.74 million. Most of the loan capital will come from local capital, and will include a loan from the Ivory Coast.

The *New Scientist* article goes on to state that there are also a number of developments which cause the Arab donors to have adopted. The plight of the drought-stricken Sahel region is one example. At the Islamic foreign ministers conference in Baghdad in June, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait announced a total grant of \$210 million for agriculture and irrigation projects in drought-stricken Africa. Last November, the Kuwait fund hosted the 4th summit conference of the Paris-based Club de Sahel. This comprises OECD countries and the Bougainville-based permanent committee against Sahel drought. Its members include the Cape Verde Islands Republic, Chad, Gambia, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Mali and Upper Volta, some of the poorest nations on earth. The Kuwait meeting was the result of a long-term campaign by these countries to seek substantial new funds to fight the Sahel's decade-long drought. One of the most obvious results of the ten years of drought is the rapid encroachment of the desert into the northern Sahel zone, the traditional buffer between the Sahara and the richer, rain-fed lands of the south, according to a recent United Nations report, the Sahara is advancing at 6.4 kilometers per year.

EEC urged to slash textile imports

BRUSSELS, Oct. 27 (AP) — Employers and workers of European textile industries Monday demanded a stronger limitation of imports from Third World countries.

Foreign ministers of the Common Market 10-member countries are now discussing in Luxembourg the renewal of the world textile agreement known as the multifiber arrangement (MFA). No agreement was reached Monday and the discussion will resume Tuesday.

Representatives for European textile employers and trade union said at a news conference here Monday that the rise of imports should be limited to actual market growth, which they estimated at one percent.

A spokesman for textile employers said there had been an "abnormal growth" in textile imports from countries that are part of the MFA over the past few years and "this must be slowed down."

Employers and workers also asked for global import ceilings, in addition to global product-by-product. "Which favor some developing countries," France, Italy and Spain are also in favor of global ceilings. However, the quotas by products might lead to an excessive total of imports at the end.

Representatives for the European textile industry also asked for a new list of sensitive products and criticized the European Commission proposal to allow a 1.7 percent annual growth in their imports. They also asked that the new MFA include a reciprocity clause taking into account import fluctuations and a "social clause" which would favor exporting countries that respect trade union rights.

Joint Arab banks hold discussions

KUWAIT, Oct. 27 (AP) — Board chairman of three joint Arab international banks met here Monday to appraise operations of their institution.

The banks — in which the Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company holds shares — are the Madrid-based Arab — Spanish Bank, the Arab Latin American Bank of Lima, and the Arab Greek Bank of Athens.

A KFTCIC statement said the three banks were to examine ways of accelerating Arab economic cooperation.

The three banks have been formed as part of a plan to promote cooperation with the Arab countries in international money markets.

The Arab-Spanish Bank is operating on a \$54-million capital, while the Arab-Latin American Bank on a \$200 million capital and the Arab-Greek Bank with \$10 million, the statement added. It gave no details.

Japanese video sales hit new high

TOKYO, Oct. 27 (R) — Japanese exports of video cassette recorders hit a monthly record in September with particularly large rises in shipments to the United States and the European Economic Community, finance ministry officials said Monday.

September exports climbed to 782,900, an increase of 130 percent over the same month last year. Figures showed that 284,600 recorders were exported to the United States and 303,000 to the EEC.



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Facing \$2b loss

Airlines debate increasing fares

CANNES, France, Oct. 27 (R) — World airline executives Tuesday discussed fare increases and measures aimed at stemming losses exceeding \$2 billion this year.

will last six weeks. Its delegates are reviewing fares route by route to agree on increases to take effect April 1 after government approval.

a review of the airlines' cost structure to see how, collectively, the carriers can effectively reduce costs, including labor cuts.

Thatcher defends U.S. policy

LONDON, Oct. 27 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has defended President Ronald Reagan and the United States against criticism following last week's world aid summit in Cancun, Mexico.

"We have ended up with talks about talks and not a single penny has been committed or promised to the poorest people in the world," said Foot.

A monitoring committee is supposed to ensure fair dealings. "Unfortunately this watchdog has no teeth because it cannot impose fines if carriers do not play by the rules," the executive said.

Japan to pay war-hit ships' \$48m claim

TOKYO, Oct. 27 (AP) — Japanese insurance companies have decided to pay up to 11 billion yen (\$48 million) in war risk insurance to the owners or charterers of six vessels stranded in the Iran-Iraq war zone for more than a year, insurance officials said Tuesday.

Pan Am incurs \$80.2m loss
NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Pan American Airways has announced third-quarter pre-tax losses of \$80.2 million.

Dollar rates maintain strength

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — The dollar fell back slightly in the New York exchange markets Monday night and dealers attributed this to some profit-taking and position cutting.

Whatever the long-term issues debated, the dollar responded to the fall in interest rates which took the one-month deposit to levels of 15% — 15% percent and the one-year to 16% — 17% percent by close of business.

On the local markets, little trading activity was reported on both the exchange and money market fronts for the second consecutive day. The general attitude was one of "wait and see" as far as dollar interest rate moves were concerned.

The local exchange markets reflected the New York uncertainties and dealers reported that spot dollar rates did not move much from opening levels of 3.4198-08 for most of Tuesday.

London Commodities

Table with columns: Commodity, Tuesday, Monday. Includes items like Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc, Aluminium, Nickel, Sugar, Coffee, March, Cocoa.

Santa Fe stock buying said illegal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP) — The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged Monday that buyers of Santa Fe International Corp. common stock had inside information concerning the proposed \$2.5 billion sale of the company to the Kuwait Petroleum Corp.

The complaint names as defendants "certain unknown purchasers of the common stock of, and call options for the common stock of," Santa Fe. It also names as "nominal defendants" nine banks and brokerage firms through which the buyers made the alleged transactions.

U.S. offers India more food grains

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27 (AP) — The U.S. has offered India more grain in future. U.S. Undersecretary of Agriculture Seeley G. Lodwick said Monday he told Indian officials that America is producing record or near record crops of wheat, corn, soybeans and other commodities this year, and can sell India as much of these items as it wants.

U.S. multinationals to cut spending

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP) — Overseas affiliates of American companies are planning to slow down their capital spending next year because of slack demand and high interest rates, the U.S. government said Monday.

Jeffrey H. Lowe, an accountant with the department, said the biggest surprise in compiling the figures was finding that Canadian petroleum affiliates planned to raise spending 32 percent to \$4.3 billion in 1982.

BRIEFS

RANGOON, (AP) — American and Burmese officials signed an agreement here Monday providing 7.5 million dollars in U.S. assistance for maize and cereal oil production. American ambassador Patricia Byrne signed for the U.S. aid Agency, while Deputy Finance Minister Maung Shain signed for Burma.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns: Currency, SAMA, Cash, Transfer. Lists rates for Bahraini Dinar, Bangladeshi Taka, Belgian Franc, Canadian Dollar, Dutch Guilder, Egyptian Pound, etc.

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Table with columns: Municipality, Description, Amount, Date. Includes Alkhobar, Buraidah, Western Region, etc.

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McEnroe, Clerc score runaway wins

TOKYO, Oct. 27 (Agencies) — John McEnroe beat fellow American John Sadri, and third seed Jose-Luis Clerc, of Argentina, got past American Paul McNamee Tuesday night to advance to the second round of the \$300,000 Seiko Super Tennis tournament.

The 23-year-old McEnroe, scoring five aces in the first set and six more in the second, eliminated Sadri 6-2, 6-2. Clerc downed McNamee 6-2, 6-4, in a night match before 1,600 spectators.

In the 55-minute match, McEnroe broke Sadri's serve in the third and seventh games in the first set and again in the third and fifth of the second set.

McEnroe will meet Japan's No. 1 singles player, Toshiyoshi Fukui, in the second round Thursday. Fukui eliminated fellow countryman Shozo Shirashi 6-4, 6-2 in the first match of the day.

Earlier Tuesday, two seeded players, who were gunning for the first prize money of \$55,000 made exit.

Fourth seed Eliot Teltscher, of the United States was upset by fellow American Bruce Manson 3-6, 3-6, and No. 7 Balazs Taroczy, of Hungary, was eliminated by his Japanese doubles champion partner, Switzerland's Heinz Gunhardt 6-4, 3-6, 4-6. Last Sunday, Taroczy won the Japan-Asian Singles title by defeating Teltscher in the final.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg, No. 2 seed in the 32-man Seiko tournament, will clash with India's Ramesh Krishnan in a first round match Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Mark Vines, a 24-year-old American, ranked 160th in the world caused the first major upset in the Paris Men's Grand Prix tournament here Tuesday when he defeated the No. 4 seed Harold Solomon of the

United States 6-1, 6-3 in a first round match.

Vines now plays the winner of the match between Jean-Francois Caujolle and Paolo Bertolucci of Italy.

In Cologne, West Germany, South African born Andrew Pattison of the United States defeated Hans Joerg Schwaier of West Germany 6-4, 6-3 in the opening round of the Cologne Cup Grand Prix tourney.

Fellow American Matt Doyle had a steady 6-4, 6-4 win over New Zealander Russel Simpson while South African Eddie Edwards upset another American Trey Waltke 7-5, 6-0.

American Gene Mayer has been seeded No. 1 for the Bologna Grand Prix Tennis Tournament beginning in Bologna, Italy from November 16.

Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia will be defending his title. Other participants include Hungarian Balazs Taroczy, Italian Adriano Panatta and Americans Bob Lutz, Hank Pfister, Butch Walls and Nick Saviano.

In the women's events, lowly-ranked Corinne Vanier of France notched up a surprise on the first day of the Grand Prix Tennis in Stuttgart when she defeated powerful South African Rosalyn Fairbank 6-2, 6-4.

There were mixed fortunes for British girls. Jo Durlé scored a 6-4, 6-2 win over home player Helga Luettn, but Debbie Jevans went down to Isabelle Viliger of Switzerland in a three-set thriller 6-7, 6-3, 4-6.

In other matches Kathy Horvath of the United States dropped only one game 6-1, 6-0 against Iris Riedl of West Germany but Howath's compatriot Syce Portmann went to pieces in the second set of her match against local player Eva Pfaff and lost 6-7, 1-6.

Defending champ drops out of Ivory Coast Rally

YAMOOUSSOUKRO, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Defending champion Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden was forced to abandon the Ivory Coast Car Rally at the end of the first stage here Tuesday when the engine in his Toyota Celica seized. Waldegaard was leading the stage from Adibjan to here when his engine packed in.

The first stage was dominated by Datsuns and Toyotas, which filled the first five places. Behind Waldegaard for most of the way came Timo Salonen of Finland in a Datsun.

Waldegaard and Salonen were fortunate to avoid a heavy rainstorm which turned the course into a nightmare for most of the other teams including world rally championship leaders Guy Frequelin of France (Peugeot) and Ari Vatanen of Finland (Ford Escort).

Frequelin spun off the road at one point followed by an electrical breakdown which leaves him with an almost impossible gap to close on the leaders.



RALLIES: Philips Ericsson's Ron Berger, seen serving against Terry Marris of Saudi, rallies from a 2-1 deficit to win 3-2.

Ajax has it easy

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — Ajax of Amsterdam, one of Europe's top soccer sides, who got the better of Hilal 3-0 in Riyadh Monday will take on the popular Ahli at the Jeddah Stadium Wednesday. The kick-off is scheduled for 8.00 p.m.

Ajax, who once boasted of World Cup star Johan Cruyff in their outfit, have a bunch of youngsters and are in the process of rebuilding their team to those great years when they were the masters of Europe in 1971-73. The two matches are sponsored by Seiko.

Mike Burton banned by Rugby Union

LONDON, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Former England prop Mike Burton has been banned from playing in Rugby Union after receiving money for his autobiography.

Burton has admitted to receiving advance payment for his book "Never Stay Down", due for publication in the new year.

Burton's claim that he had been outlawed because his new book contained facts that the Rugby Union did not like, were refuted by Bob Weighill, secretary of the Rugby Union. Burton was allowed to retain his amateur status after an earlier book.

Meanwhile, Nick Youngs, England's replacement scrum half during last season's Rugby Union Championship, has fought off strong competition for the job in the London team to play the Australian tourists at Twickenham on Saturday, November 7.

Youngs, who has moved from Bedford to Leicester, links up with Hugh Condon, who has dual qualifications and has played for

Ireland "B". On a longish short-list for the scrum half job in recent weeks was another player with claims in two camps — Barry Murphy.

Ian George is on the bench despite an outstanding game for Middlesex last week, while Nigel Melville reserve to Steve Smith on the tour of Argentine misses a tilt at the Australians.

Melville — understudy again to Smith when the North met the Wallabies on Saturday — plays for Wasps, but this London connection has not earned him a place.

The fluid, cosmopolitan make-up of London rugby means that only eight of the side appear regularly for English London clubs and the team will be led by Maurice Clough, one of two French based players in the pack.

Two of England's Argentine tour party are in the replacements. Nick Preston surrendered the chance of a position in the center

with a poor game for Surrey last week. Paul Rendall's disappointment at missing selection at prop could be balanced when the South and South-West team is named for their game against the Tourist on December 22. Rendall qualifies for that side through his Buckinghamshire allegiance.

It is learnt that the Australian Rugby Union are to rush newly-arrived half-back replacement Philip Cox into immediate action. He will play against Bridgened on Wednesday.

Cox, who flew in from Sydney Sunday has been named in a team that contains 13 changes from the disappointing line-up which drew 6-6 with Northern counties on Saturday.

Only Test wingers, Mick Martin and Bren Moon, will be retained but Welsh fans will have their first glimpse of the three Ellis brothers — Mark, Glen and Gary.

Saudia beats leaders Philips Ericsson

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — In the "B" Division of the Jeddah Squash League the table changed dramatically for the third week running as Saudia downed leaders Philips Ericsson 3-2 to take over the lead with 31 points from their five matches.

Arabian Homes jumped two places to second after a 3-2 win at Sogex, leaving Ericsson in their place. Hochtief secured its first win of the season, edging Riofinex, the leaders two weeks ago, 3-2, but this single victory does little to improve their lowly position.

The story of the "B" Division seems to be one of missing players. Both Saudia and Ericsson were two short, as was Riofinex. Certainly the latter will feel robbed of winners points by absence of their key No. 5 player, Jim Smith, who would almost certainly have provided the extra win necessary

for victory. Ericsson, too, will be looking toward the return fixture when both teams should be at full strength.

Ray Little led Saudia to their victory with a straight game win over Bjorn Nordwall. Other wins at the Nos. two and five positions gave them the overall success. Ericsson's Ron Berger did well to pull back from a 2-1 position against Terry Marris to join Alan Coad as the Ericsson winners.

Hochtief's first victory was very nearly their fifth defeat. Their No. 2, Dave Baird pulled back from 8-6 and 8-1 deficits in the first and third games to come off the 3-1 victor over Peter Rowe.

In the "A" Division, Hochtief took over the top spot with an emphatic 4-1 win over last week's leaders, Gray MacKenzie. Hochtief's Frank Bell pulled off a surprise by downing Mike Forbes-Cable 3-0, and Mike Wade held off a comeback by Richard Saville to give Hochtief their 4-1 margin.

Bedouins moved into second place following their 3-2 win against Holcrow. Chris Vigour maintained his unbeaten record at No. 4, and Ian Johnson and Salman Minhas provided the other wins. Bedouins, however are soon to be hitting the hard times. Vigour left the Kingdom on Monday, Johnson is scheduled to leave mid-November, and their No. 2, Graeme Sibley leaves within a fortnight.

Streeters brought a sudden halt to Armaska's revival, inflicting a 4-1 thrashing that keeps Armaska firmly on the bottom place. Only Chris Lamb could manage a win for Armaska. Rolfe Holme again crashing to defeat, this time at the hands of Dennis Embleton.

Andalus Village slipped further from the leaders after going down to Samba 3-2. Andalus were without Andy Barnett, and his replacement, Terry Berry, lacked the experience to pull through against Samba's Shahid.

Dhahran RFC tops in Seven-A-Side tourney

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 27 — Dhahran RFC walked away with the first Dhahran Open Seven-A-Side rugby tournament, last Friday, and emphasized the depth of talent currently available on the east coast by providing three of the four teams that reached the semifinals. Dhahran "A" ran out the eventual winners, taking the Oberoi Trophy, presented by the Dammam Oberoi Hotel, by downing Jeddah RFC 22-4 in the final.

Twelve teams contested the trophy and these were initially divided into four groups. Dhahran "A" faced Jubail and Wajid Wanderers, winning both matches 18-0 and 24-0 respectively, while Jeddah opposed

Udhaliyah F-4 and Al-Khobar Eagles, notching up 24-0 and 18-0 victories. In the other groups, Dhahran "B" downed Yanbu Barbarians and Grass Roots (another Udhaliyah team), while Lesser Antilles, the third Dhahran team, crushed British Bank of Middle East and Rastanura.

The semifinals saw Dhahran "A" concede its first points, but they replied with five tries to beat Lesser Antilles 24-4. Jeddah downed Dhahran "B" 10-0 to move into the finals without conceding, a single point. However, Dhahran soon put that straight in the final with a try within the first minute from winger Harry Beatty. Scores from Sullivan and Reid brought the half-time score to 16-0, and an

early second half try from Jeddah's Pollinger set the stage for a Jeddah comeback. However, a second try from Beatty put the result beyond doubt and Dhahran came off worthy winners.

These two teams are set for a rematch when Dhahran visits Jeddah at the end of the season for the Jeddah RFC sevens tournament. Jeddah will be hoping for some revenge but may be without the services of their captain, Bernie Blomfield, who is scheduled to leave Jeddah early in the new year. However, with the caliber of players still available, they should provide stronger opposition when playing on their home ground.

BRIEFS

MANAMA, (AFP) — Kuwait geared up for their forthcoming World Cup qualifier against Saudi Arabia by defeating Portuguese club side Portovitch 4-0 at Isa Town, Bahrain Monday.

MILAN, (AFP) — Italy's First Division footballers are to hold a one day strike on Sunday, November 22 in protest over unpaid wages owed to player in lower division, by the Italian football Federation. As a first step they plan to delay the start of club matches on Sunday November 8 by half an hour.

CASABLANCA, (R) — For the first time since 1966 Morocco will take part in two African soccer competitions this season — the Champion Club and Cup Winners Cup — the Royal Moroccan Football Federation said Tuesday. Kenitra Athletic Club, the

reigning champions, and Raja of Casablanca, the Cup holders, will take part.

READING, England, (AFP) — England beat Australia after an exciting deciding frame play-off following a 3-3 draw in the State Express World Team Snooker Classic here on Monday.

PEKING, (AP) — China took a 4-0 lead over Pakistan in Asian West section preliminaries for the Thomas Cup Badminton Championships Monday night. Five matches remained to be played Tuesday night.

MEXICO, (AFP) — The World Boxing Council (WBC) has named its middleweight champion Marvian Hagler 'boxer of the month' after the American's impressive victory in his title defense against Mustappa Hamsho in Chicago on October 3.

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Ron Cey declared fit

Dodgers get set for showdown

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP) — A well-rested Burt Hooton will try to clinch the World Series for the Los Angeles Dodgers, who have the comeback habit, when they play the fighting New York Yankees Tuesday night in the Sixth Games at Yankee Stadium.

The Dodgers took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series with their third straight victory Sunday, leaving George Steinbrenner, the Yankees' principal owner, to sound the battle cry — "We're going to come back in New York — just wait."

Another battle cry sounded after Sunday's game was by a man who said, according to Steinbrenner, that New York fans are animals. The man and another man confronted Steinbrenner in a Los Angeles hotel elevator where, the owner said, he knocked them both down after being hit by a bottle and punched. He said he suffered a possible broken left hand.

Tommy John, the ex-Dodger who beat his former team in the second game, will try to even the series for the Yankees just three days after pitching two innings of relief in the Yankees' Saturday loss. John beat Hooton to give the Yankees a 2-0 series lead.

The Dodgers got a boost Monday when officials at a Los Angeles hospital reported that third baseman Ron Cey did not suffer a concussion and was fine. Cey was examined at a hospital after being hit on the batting helmet by fastball from Yankee reliever Goose Gosage in the eighth inning Sunday.

After another examination Monday, Cey was declared fit to fly to New York and rejoin the team, but no decision had been made on whether he would play Tuesday night.

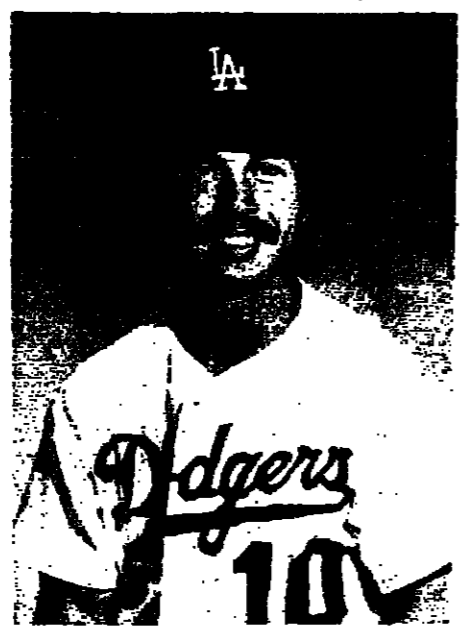
"Ron will be cleared to play if he doesn't experience any dizziness or light-headedness during pregame workouts," said Dodger spokesman Bob Schweppa.

A victory Tuesday night would enable the Dodgers to duplicate New York's 1978 World Series victory in which the Yankees lost the first two games, then won four straight.

"It's helluva thing to do beating the Yankees three straight, and we'll have our work cut out for us Tuesday," Hooton said.

On Sunday, the Dodgers won their straight over the Yankees at Dodger Stadium after losing the first two at New York. Jerry Reuss, the loser in Game One pitched a five-hitter, and Pedro Guerrero and Steve Yeager connected on consecutive home runs off Ron Guidry in the seventh inning for the 2-1 victory.

In his previous start at Yankee Stadium,



Ron Cey

Hooton worked six innings and gave up one unearned run on three hits as the Dodgers lost 3-0. It was his third straight start with only three days' rest between each one. But for Tuesday night's game, Hooton will have rested for five days.

"I've advocated pitching on three days' rest all along," Hooton said, "But not doing it

during the season, then trying to do it in the playoffs and World Series is no easy matter. "I felt really good the last time out, but there was just no zip on the ball," Hooton said.

Hooton, a right-hander, specializes in a knuckle-curveball, a pitch that produces a lot of ground balls, as does the sinking fastball that John throws.

Although the Dodgers have won three straight in the series, their infield has shown some weak spots. Sunday, second baseman Dave Lopes committed three errors, two on one play, and tied two World Series records.

"You saw how I played in the field," Lopes said when he was asked to describe his performance. "I've just got to get myself together. I don't care what people might say."

The Yankees have beaten the Dodgers six straight at Yankee Stadium, dating back to the 1977 World Series. The last time Los Angeles won at the Stadium was in the second game of the '77 Fall Classic when Hooton beat catfish hunter 6-1.

John shut out the Dodgers through his seven innings' work last Wednesday, but he was not with the team on Sunday. He flew from Los Angeles back to New York to get an extra day's rest.

Yankees manager Bob Lemon said he didn't expect Saturday's relief stint to affect John for Game six.

Lemon said he was concerned about the availability of third baseman Graig Nettles, who injured his left thumb in Game two and missed all three games in Los Angeles. The Yankees manager said Nettles was on a day-to-day basis.

In addition, Lemon said he intended to start Jerry Mumphrey, who was benched for two games, in center field to face the right-handed Hooton. Dave Winfield will move to left field.

The Dodgers and Yankees have met in 10 previous World Series. The Yankees have won eight, the Dodgers two, in 1955 and 1963.

Ray of hope for cricket tour

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Tuesday hinted that her government might not object to the inclusion of Geoff Boycott and Geoff Cook in the English cricket team for their forthcoming tour beginning next month.

Answering a question at a press conference she addressed at the airport on her return from the North-South Summit in Mexico, Mrs. Gandhi said that her government had yet to take a final decision in the matter in consultations with her cabinet colleagues.

She at the same time noted that Boycott had spoken against apartheid and all forms of

racism in his recently published autobiography. Asked whether this meant there was hope, the Prime Minister said, "let us see."

Meanwhile a senior United Nations diplomat in a message to the England cricket authorities said Monday that the United Nations pressure on India to ban England's winter cricket tour would be dropped if Geoff Boycott and Geoff Cook renounced their links with South Africa.

James Gbeho, Ghana's ambassador to the United Nations and chairman of the sub-committee of the United Nations special committee against apartheid, said, "If either of them make up their minds to no longer have contacts with South Africa, we will drop them from our blacklist."

However, it is unlikely that either player will follow Mr. Gbeho's advice. Both have constantly refused to say they will not visit south Africa again, and they would be discouraged from doing so by cricket administrators who are determined to resist political interference in team selection.

Mr. Gbeho, who said a new United Nations blacklist of sportsmen with South African connections would be issued soon, admitted that if England did not go to India it could lead to the polarisation of International Cricket on color lines.

But he said, "It is not a high price to pay. We will continue our fight against apartheid, if only with the support of black nations."

A major United Nations initiative against apartheid is expected in 1982 and Mr. Gbeho warned that strong action would be taken against New Zealand after the South African rugby team's recent tour.

"Unless there is a drastic change in attitude from the New Zealand sporting organizations, we will encourage that that country be excluded from future Commonwealth and Olympic Games."

He added that New Zealand's participation in next year's Commonwealth Games in Australia could result in a boycott by black nations.

Zimbabwe tie drawn

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Oct. 27 (AP) — West Indies drew the final three-day match of its cricket tour of Zimbabwe Monday, when play was called off with 14 overs to go and the visitors needing 120 runs to win.

Zimbabwe declared their second innings at tea, at 255 for five wickets. That left the West Indians to score 236 in one hour plus 20 overs.

The touring side never had a chance. They were 116 for two wickets when play ended. Zimbabwe began the day at 23 for one, with a lead of three. They lost two quick wickets when Brown and Fletcher went down but Andrew Pycroft and Dave Houghton took the score to 128 at lunch.

In World Contract Bridge

U.S. crushes Britain to forge ahead

PORT CHESTER, New York, Oct. 27 (AP) — A dramatic day here Monday in the World Contract Bridge Team Championship left the U.S. in the lead, and a bunch of other teams struggling to qualify for the semifinal playoff scheduled for Wednesday.

The U.S. had begun the day in fourth position, and went through a struggle to retain one of the four qualifying positions. The non-playing captain, Tom Sanders, tried the bold move of splitting his partnership.

He employed Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell as the anchor pair, and used Bob Levin, Russ Arnold, and John Solodar as a rotating threesome. The sixth player, Bud Reinhold, stayed on the bench.

Although the American team lost 9-11 to Australia in the afternoon, they scored a crushing victory at night against Britain, which had led for the previous four days. The victory point score was 20-minus 2, the biggest of the event so far, and dropped the British to third position.

Polistam has two good wins, beating Poland 14-6 and Indonesia 16-4 to take the crucial fourth position. Argentina, which had been among the leaders throughout, had a bad day, losing 1-19 to Indonesia and 6-14 to Poland.

Standings after 12 of the 14 qualifying rounds: 1st. U.S.-137 Victory Points; 2nd Poland-132; 3rd. Britain-125; 4th Pakistan-124; 5th Argentina-121; 6th Australia-112; 7th Indonesia-107.

The U.S. team now seems likely to reach the semifinal stage, although it faces two strong opponents Tuesday in Argentina and Poland. As well as playing the Americans, the Poles face Britain in a crucial match.

Pakistan will have a bye worth 12 points and then faces the Australians, who will be strongly in contention if they can score well against Indonesia in the 13th round. The British have the same schedule as the Americans facing Poland and Argentina.

Indonesia now has little hope, but all the other teams have a realistic chance.

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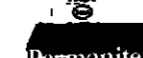
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